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MINERS MARCH AGAINST SPAIN FASCISTS!

Calif. Jobless Vote for Banner of Workers' Alliance

STATE UNITY IS ACHIEVED IN CONVENTION

Organize Workers' Alliance Of California; Farmer-Labor Party Given Endorsement

LOS ANGELES.—Marking a milestone in the history of the unemployed in California 350 delegates to the Unity Convention of the State Federation of Unemployed and Allied Organizations and the Workers' Alliance voted unanimously for state-wide welding of forces before closing its two-day session shortly before 1 a. m. on Monday, July 20.

Hereafter the membership of the two organizations will fight for the rights of the unemployed under the banner of the Workers' Alliance of California.

Under this name it becomes an affiliate of the Workers' Alliance of America.

NEW OFFICERS

Frank Lintner, of Menlo Park, was elected president, and Tom Kerry, of Oakland, vice president. Alexander Noral was elected state organizer.

From the rap of the gavel that opened the historic convention Saturday morning, until the last triumphant strains of "Solidarity" had faded into the still morning air, the large convention hall pulsed with militancy.

SUPPORT SOCIAL BILLS

The 350 regular and fraternal delegates, representing some 10,000 organized unemployed and tens of thousands as yet unorganized, pledged their support to the Frazier-Lundeen bill, Workers' Rights Amendment to the Constitution, 30-hour week and the Marcantonio Relief and Works Standard Bill.

The Farmer-Labor Party redorsement of the convention. Announcement of the result of this

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Speculators Coin Drought Fortunes

CHICAGO.—Quick fortunes are being coined by grain pit speculators out of the drouth-stricken farmers' tragedy. More than a billion and a half dollars have been involved in the futures market in corn and wheat since the drouth began, churning hundreds of thousands of dollars into dealers' hands.

Brokers reported profits of $10,000 to $50,000 as "conservative" estimates for single deals. Cool showers brought some relief to the farmers in sections of Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan, but 1800 lives had been lost in the drouth before the showers came.

In the Southwest and in Nebraska heat of 100 degrees continued for the 17th day in succession. The death toll for the farmers in the entire drouth area is 4500 to date.

Rexford G. Tugwell, federal resettlement head, now on an "inspection" tour of the drouth-stricken area, announced that immediate relief is part of the government program for the farmers. He failed to specify whether this could be cash relief. The farmers' suffering has been heightened because all relief for them was cut off last spring.

CIO Drive in Steel Grows in Big Mills

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—While threats of suspension for the 12 C. I. O. unions are implied in the trial called for Aug. 3 by the A. F. of L. Executive Council, the drive to organize the nation's 500,000 steel workers is proceeding full blast.

Rapid-fire organizing into the Amalgamated Ass'n. is reported by the Steel Workers' Organizing committee in Cleveland. Three hundred men in the Republic Steel Mill there have signed up already. Similar results are reported from other major Cleveland steel mills.

Company union representatives, sympathetic with the drive to organize the steel industries into the A. F. of L., voted unanimously at the huge Corrigan-McKinney Steel Mills, to throw into the wastebasket a petition the company planned to circulate among the workers, denouncing the A. F. of L.

The way in which the company union officials have been aiding the A. F. of L. drive was shown in the firing of Elmer G. Lohman, who received the highest vote at the last election of company union representatives at the McKinney-Corrigan plant. Lohman was fired for union activity.

The organizing committee in the Chicago area reports more than a third of the 13,000 workers in the South Works-Carnegie Illinois Steel plant already in the Amalgamated Association. The company union in this plant had previously declared its independence from the company.

An Amalgamated local has been installed in Waukegan, and one also in the Northwestern Barb Wire Works at Sterling, Ill., where a strike is on.

Broun to Address Huge SF Rally for Mooney, July 26

SAN FRANCISCO.—Heywood Broun, president of the Newspaper Guild, will be the main speaker at the giant Tom Mooney rally, called for Sunday, July 26, at 2 p. m., in the Civic Auditorium.

The Civic Auditorium rally is one of a series throughout the country to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the frame-up of Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings.

Sponsoring the San Francisco rally are the Tom Mooney Molders' Defense Committee, and the Railroad Brotherhoods' Mooney Committee. Backing the rally are the San Francisco Central Labor Council, the Maritime Federation, and the maritime unions.

All San Francisco labor has been called by these bodies to support the rally.

HUGE N. Y. RALLY

From New York it is reported that the Central Labor Council there, with 800,000 members, has called its Mooney rally for July 30 at the huge Hippodrome.

Now that the Tom Mooney hearings before a referee appointed by the California supreme court are nearing their close, it is possible to evaluate the evidence produced in nearly a year of testimony, and the probable results.

These hearings are being held because when Mooney's application for a writ of habeas corpus was heard before the U. S. Supreme Court in 1935, he was told that he had not "exhausted the resources of the state courts." Accordingly he applied to the

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Save L.A. Youth in 'Exhaustion' Suicide

SEATTLE.—Eddie Jamison, 22, jobless Los Angeles clerk, was hauled to safety after hanging by one arm from the railing of Aurora Bridge—awaiting "suicide by exhaustion."

Jamison was "tired of looking for work," he said, and planned to hold on until he dropped from exhaustion.

Prepare Huge Meetings for Browder; Ratify S. F. Nominees On July 29th

Big preparations for the biggest Communist Party meetings in the history of California!

In Los Angeles and in San Francisco, committees are working night and day to prepare for the gigantic election rallies for Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President of the United States.

Browder will speak in Los Angeles on August 9th, and in San Francisco on August 12th at 8 p. m. at Dreamland Auditorium.

A quarter of a million leaflets, "pluggers," postcards and other literature will be distributed throughout the San Francisco Bay area in advertisement of the meeting.

Browder is also scheduled to speak to the workers and poor farmers of all Northern California via radio on August 11th at 7 to 7:30 p. m. over Station KGO, San Francisco.

Other broadcasts to publicise the meeting are being planed over Stations KJBS, KLA, KROW, and KGGO. Newspaper advertisements, billboards, slides in the Ferry Building, and a traveling billboard-sound truck are also planned by the committee handling the arrangements.

Also guaranteed to heighten interest in the Browder meeting will be the huge San Francisco election ratification rally to be held in the auditorium at 121 Haight street on Tuesday, July 28th.

All Communist Party candidates in San Francisco will speak at this rally, including Lawrence Ross, Western Worker editor and candidate for Congress in the 5th District, and Anita Whitney, State Chairman of the C. P. and candidate for Congress in the 4th District.

Each assembly District will rally its forces to march under its own bandders and slogans behind its own candidate—Sam Jaye in the 20th, Archie Brown in the 22nd, Alex Noral in the 23rd, and Peter James Garrison in the 26th.

Farmers' Tragedy-Speculators Profit



A farmer and his sons examine their drouth-withered corn field in Reader, N. Dakota.

Buzzell Demands State Action to Crush Vigilantism In Orange Strike

LOS ANGELES.—Charging that striking citrus workers have been mistreated, that authorities failed to give them protection and that tear gas has been unlawfully imported, J. W. Buzzell, secretary of the Central Labor Council here, has wired Attorney General U. S. Webb demanding he take steps under the law passed in 1935 to take over the law enforcement agencies of Orange County.

Buzzell pointed out that hired thugs are intimidating strikers and that District Attorney William Lemton and Sheriff Logan Jackson, of Orange County, knew of these efforts.

The strikers have turned down a growers' proposal for 20 cents hourly wages, but not granting union recognition, according to William Velarde, president of the Confederation of Mexican Workers.

Although ordered by Sheriff Jackson to stay out of Orange County upon his release on $1000 bail on charges of "vagrancy," Velarde immediately appeared at strike headquarters and urged the workers to continue the fight for a 40-cent hourly wage and union recognition.

Walter Cowan, vice president of the State Federation of Labor, has formally protested against the vigilantism against the strikers to Attorney General Webb, and Edward Vandeleur, State Federation president, protested to Governor Merriam. Fred West, A. F. of L. organizer, arrested for "vagrancy" with Velarde, conferred with U. S. Department of Justice officers concerning the terror.

Sheriff Jackson denied all charges of terrorism, and said "Communists inspired what violence there was."

Meanwhile, 150 strikers are held in Fullerton jail "pending a settlement of the strike."

Charles McLauchlan, Communist candidate for Congress in the 19th District, who was convicted on a frame-up "trespassing" charge, is out on $1000 cash bail posted by the International Labor Defense, pending appeal.

L. A. BREAD PRICE UP

LOS ANGELES.—As a result of the midwestern drouth, Los Angeles bakers announced a raise in bread prices. Loaves at 5 cts. will be entirely withdrawn, it was reported.

AFL Non-Partisan League Behind NY Farm-Labor Party

NEW YORK.—A powerful Labor Party movement has been launched in New York state, with the chiefs of the labor Non-Partisan League behind it.

The vote to form a new political party in this state was made by representatives of over 250,000 organized trade unionists.

Despite the fact that the new party will back Roosevelt for President and Lehman for governor, the 40 trade union leaders behind the new party announced their intention of filing independent candidates for Congress and Assembly.

It was repeated constantly at the session of the Non-Partisan League leaders that the endorsement of Roosevelt and Lehman does not constitute endorsement for the Democratic Party.

Present at the session were Sidney Hillman, president of the mighty Amalgamated Clothing Workers; Luigi Antonini, vice president of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union, and Max Zaritsky, president of the Cap and Millinery Workers' Union.

Defeat of Alfred M. Landon, as head of a "combination of reactionary, anti-labor, anti-social forces," was declared as the main aim in the presidential campaign.

N. DAKOTA FARMERS FOR LABOR PARTY

NEW ROCKFORD, N. Dak.—The North Dakota Farmers' Holiday Association convention went on record for a Farmer-Labor Party. No mention was given throughout the convention of the fascist Coughlin-Lemke Union Party, which had hoped to gain support of the farmers in Lemke's home state.

C.S. Repeal Drive To Be Continued

SAN FRANCISCO.—The campaign to repeal the anti-labor Criminal Syndicalism Act will continue until 240,000 signatures necessary to place the repeal initiative on the bollot, have been collected throughout California!

Following a survey of the signature drive conducted for the last two and a half months, the Executive Committee of the California Conference for Repeal of the C. S. Act made this decision at its regular meeting here on Monday, July 20th.

ON TO VICTORY

Signatures collected to date will not be filed on July 23rd, but will be held and the drive continued until the balance of the signatures necessary are collected. Then the petitions will all be filed with the respective county clerks, and the measure secured on the ballot.

New deadline is the Presidential election Day, November 3rd

County Committees in Los Angeles, where 75,000 signatures have been collected to date; Oakland, Solano, San Mateo, Santa Clara, San Joaquin and Fresno have made preliminary plans to continue the campaign.

Plans call for connecting the signature drive with the election campaign and for calling on every candidate for public office to pledge active opposition to the C. S. Act.

CONTINUE DRIVE!

"Every petition circulator, and every organization participating in the campaign, is urged to continue the signature drive," declared William P. Sanders, state chairman of the Conference.

"Encouraging letters and wires are being received from the various county committees, pledging a continuation of the campaign until our goal is reached

SACRAMENTO DRIVE

"The Sacramento County Committee, home of the 1935 frame-up trials that resulted in the conviction of eight men and two men under the C. S. Act, has pledged a vigorous continuation of the signature drive and reports that the Carpenters Union there has issued credentials to two of its members to speak to other Sacramento unions on behalf of the C. S. Repeal."

Broadening the campaign to draw in even more trade union and other mass organizations was urged by Herbert Nugent state secretary of the Conference.

Machinists Begin Big E. Bay Strike, May Affect 5,000

OAKLAND.—A strike begun by Machinists local 284 in the Atlas Diesel Engine plant here in all probability, will affect 5000 workers in over 40 other shops in the East Bay Area, to enforce wage demands.

A general machine shop strike was voted at a special session of the local on Sunday. Votes on the strike action were taken in two ways by the representatives of the individual shops present and also by general vote of every one present at the special meeting.

Of the 475 at the meeting, 352 voted yes and 116 against the general machine shop strike. The strike went into effect at midnight Sunday.

Among the shops to be affected by the strike are: Caterpillar Tractor; Byron-Jackson Pump Works; Bay City Iron Works; Parrafine Pint Paint Works; Nordstrom Valve Co.

International officer Nash of the Machinists fought desperately against the proposed strike action. He was a very unpopular figure at the meeting, because the strike action fits in with the sentiment of the majority of the membership. Nash's proposals met with continuous booes from all corners and sections of the meeting.

L. A. Cleaners Strike Ends with Wage Rise; Were Led By the AFL

LOS ANGELES.—The strike of 1500 members of the Cleaners and Dyears' Union has been settled with wage increases for the workers. Wage increases range from 50 to 30 per cent, and the 44-hour week is established. The strike began on Monday, June 13.

Socialist Party In United Front For Anti-War Rally August First

SAN FRANCISCO. — Preparations for the huge anti-war, anti-fascist demonstration on the Embarcadero at Market at noon on August 1st were stimulated by the Socialist Party's endorsement of the meeting last week and their participation in its arrangements committee. The Socialist Party, as well as the Communist Party, will be officially represented by a speaker on the waterfront.

PROTEST AT COPELAND ACT

The demonstration, under the auspices of the American League Against War and Fascism, will be used to rally a wide protest movement against the fascist features of the Copeland Act, especially its blacklisting, continuous-discharge book.

Demand for the release of the Modesto boys will be voiced by Roy Pyle, of the American Radio Telegraphers' Association, officially elected by the Modesto Defense Committee as its spokesman.

BIG INDOOR MEETING

With September 30th drawing near, and the unions on the waterfront taking a vote on the opening of the awards, it is felt that a large turnout of waterfront workers to protest against fascism will aid in bringing pressure to bear on the shipowners to grant certain necessary concessions.

In the evening of August 1st, an indoor meeting will be held at Scottish Rite Auditorium, with a varied and colorful program, including war veterans from the French, German, and Italian armies as speakers.

HEROES OF '34 SOVIETS LEAD ANTI-FACISTS

50,000 March From Asturias On Madrid; Government Arms Workers to Fight Revolt

ISOLATE FASCSTS

Sailors and Soldiers Mutiny Against Fascist Officers To Save Left Govt.

MADRID.—Heroes of the 1934 Soviets in Asturias, 50,000 Asturian miners are now marching on Madrid to smash the attempted fascist coup against the Spanish working class!

Armed with dynamite from the mines and with rifles, the workers were moving toward the front by forced marches, while in the Basque provinces the workers and their peasant allies were also arming to crush the fascists.

A proletarian army, reinforced by police and loyal troops, is marching south to meet the fascists, who were reported to have landed at Cadiz from Morocco.

Workers are also concentrating for a march on Pamplona, which was reported to be in the hands of the monarchists. A general strike has been called in this area, and train movements between Madrid and the border are cut off, while all highways are blocked by the armed workers, to prevent the fascists getting any reinforcements from across the French border.

ARMING OF WORKERS

President Azana, Left Republican, has issued a decree calling

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Hearings Start On S.U.P. Petition

SAN FRANCISCO.—Hearings opened Monday before the National Labor Relations Board regarding the collective bargaining representative for the West Coast sailors.

The hearings are based on the petition of the Sailors Union of the Pacific to be certified collective bargaining representatives for the sailors as against the international I. S. U. officials who revoked the S. U. P. charter.

Thirty-four shipping companies named as employers in the petition, are to be represented at the hearing. Although for the sake of convenience the hearing is a blanket one, certification in the case of each individual company is sought by the S. U. P.

Three I. S. U. groups will be represented at the hearings. The key to the entire situation is the restoration of the S. U. P. charter by the I. S. U. top officials.

A CORRECTION

A serious typographical error appeared in the column by William Schneidermann, "As We See It," in the July 20 issue. As printed, it was stated that "if they (the shipowners) refuse the maritime workers the right of collective bargaining and fail to grant the unjustified demands of the unions."This waswritten, and should have read, "the justified demands."

CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS ARE DEMANDED BY COMMUNISTS IN L. A. AFTER CUTLER ARREST

Delegation to Police Chief Davis Serves Notice That Free Speech and Assembly Will Be Defended By Workers; Gallagher Is a Spokesman

LOS ANGELES.—For illegally smashing a street meeting and arresting Emma Cutler, Communist Party candidate for Congress in the 13th District, Police Officer B. S. Biller has been charged with committing a misdemeanor in a complaint filed by Leo Gallagher, International Labor Defense attorney, with the city prosecutor's office.

Hearing has been set for July 30th at 2:30 p. m.

The complaint charged Biller with committing a misdemeanor under Penal Section 58, Federal Statutes, by breaking up a peaceful and lawful meeting. Don Healy, chairman of the street meeting, signed the complaint.

DELEGATION TO POLICE CHIEF

A Communist delegation appeared at Police Chief James Davis' office on Wednesday, July 15th, to protest Miss Cutler's arrest while speaking at the street meeting at Echo Park avenue and Sunset boulevard.

Led by James Thorme, Communist Party organizational secretary, and Leo Gallagher, the delegation found Information Clerk Marionthal in an ugly mood.

"Clear out of here," shouted the clerk. "And if you don't I'll soon see that you do."

He threatened to call out the "red squad" to assist him.

At this point Chief Davis appeared in the outer office, smiling radiantly as though he had just enjoyed a hearty 10 o'clock breakfast.

"Ah, yes, another delegation," he beamed.

Told that it was a Communist delegation demanding their constitutional right to hold peaceful, political street meetings, Davis' smile vanished and he said he couldn't talk to all of them, only one. He would talk to Thorme, alone, but not with Gallagher present. Then suddenly Davis disappeared into his inner office.

WORKERS SERVE NOTICE

Thorme then turned to the information clerk and the chief's secretary:

"We are here to serve notice to the police department that the Communist Party intends to defend its constitutional right of free speech and assembly," said Thorme.

"We shall hold a street meeting aat the same hour and place next Saturday night, and we shall hold Chief Davis responsible for any act of violence that may be committed by his officers at that time.

Communist candidates included in the delegation were Albert A. Heltness, 54th Assembly District; and Clifford A. Leckrone, 56th Assembly District.

Street Rally Is Smashed; CP Asks For Mass Protest

SAN FRANCISCO. — Police broke up a Communist election campaign street meeting at 3rd and Howard streets here last Saturday night. A half dozen police were waiting at the corner when the workers arrived. The first speaker, Vernon Healy, had scarcely begun when a patrol wagon arrived and he and James Jones, the chairman, were arrested.

At the station they were told they were not being arrested but were earnestly "advised" that speaking on street corners is forbidden. They were then released.

Since the ordinance prohibiting street meetings does not apply during election campaigns, observers believe that this arrest was the beginning of an attempt to hamper preparations for the meeting to hear Earl Browder, Communist presidential candidate, to be held at Dreamland Auditorium August 12th.

Workers and organizations are urged to send protests at this police action to Mayor Rossi and Chief of Police Quinn.

There will be Communist campaign meetings held at this same corner every night from now until the elections, according to the campaign committee.

Webb Still Ducks Vigilantes' Trial

SAN FRANCISCO.—"There is nothing new," said State Attorney General U. S. Webb this week, when the American Civil Liberties Union pressed its year-old demand for prosecution of vigilantes in Santa Rosa.

"There are no developments to be discussed, advertised, or publicized," said Webb, ducking the demand for the punishment of those known vigilantes who tarred-and-feathered workers in Santa Rosa last August.

"When and if a special prosecutor is assigned to the case, that fact will be made known."

Webb declined to say how soon or if the arrests he has forecast month by month may materialize.

VOTE FOR HEALY!

Numerous trade unions and other workers' organizations have demanded the crushing of vigilantism in Sonoma County and the prosecution of the Santa Rosa vigilantes.

Workers in Sonoma County are urged to campaign and vote for Vernon Healy, Communist candidate for Congress, as an effective means of protesting vigilantism and Webb's policy of protecting vigilantes. Healy was one of the victims of vigilante terror in Santa Rosa last year.

Unity to smash the open-shop drive against organized labor!

G-Man Hoover Won't Help Enforce Anti-Strikebreaker Law

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Congress may have passed the Byrnes Law prohibiting the interstate shipment of strikebreakers, but as usual it hasn't a chance of enforcement. J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation will not help in apprehending violators of the Byrnes law, it is authoritatively learned.

In addition, Attorney General Cummings has told a press conference that "doubts" have arisen concerning the law "because several states have laws prohibiting picketing."

Fights Vigilantism



VERNON D. HEALY
Communist for Congress in the vigilante-infested 1st District.

Deputies, Drunk, On Rampage in S. Leandro Strike

SAN LEANDRO.—The second brutal attack on peaceful pickets at the Hudson Lumber plant occurred when thugs, deputized by Sheriff Driver of Alameda County ganged up on two pickets, took them into the struck pencil mill, and clubbed them.

The pickets were then taken out in the country and dumped there. They walked back to San Leandro bruised and bleeding.

DEPUTIES DRUNK

The deputies were drunk. After they came back to the mill they made indecent remarks and gestures to the women pickets. Many townspeople who were on the scene witnessed this, and their sympathy for the strike was increased.

One man asked the deputies if this was a decent way to act. The deputies jumped out of the car and beat him up. His wife came to his aid, and the deputies threw a tear gas bomb at her. The deputies threw gas bombs at a group of 6 to 10 year old children also.

The deputies then went into the house of a neighbor who had witnessed the attack, twisted his arm, and then offered him $200 if he would not reveal what he had seen.

The people of San Leandro are up in arms at such outrages. A huge crowd, accompanied by strikers, went to the Police Chief and the Mayor to protest. These officials shrugged their shoulders, claiming they had no jurisdiction over the sheriff's office.

500 Assail Police Terror at Street Meeting of Party

LOS ANGELES. — Striking against police terror and abrogation of constitutional rights, 500 people assembled at Echo Park avenue and Sunset boulevard here Saturday night, July 18th, for an election campaign meeting of the Communist Party.

Although the "red squad" and police were present, they did not dare to smash up the meeting as they had done the week previous, when they arrested Emma Cutler, Communist candidate for Congress in the 13th District against Hearstman Charles Kramer, incumbent.

Tremendous enthusiasm prevailed as Miss Cutler and other Communist Party candidates spoke on the election platform of the Communists, bringing forward the slogan: "Communism is the Americanism of the 20th Century!"

The People's Front stopped fascism in France. An American People's Front in the form of a Farmer-Labor Party can stop it here.

DR. TOWNSEND HITCHES UP TO FASCIST GANG

Founder Betrays Movement of Pensioners, Will Speak For Fascist "Union Party" Nominee

CLEVELAND, Ohio.—Betraying the wide-spread membership of the Townsend old-age pension movement and the struggle for old-age security, Dr. F. E. Townsend, founder of the movement, concluded the national convention of the Townsendites with the statement that he would tour the nation with the fascist "unholy three," Father Coughlin, Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith, and William Lemke, nominee for President of the "Union Party."

LIBERTY LEAGUES' LINE

"Elect your congressmen," said Townsend. "I am going after bigger game. I will go with anyand speak with anybody whose purpose is to put the stamp of condemnation on this present administration in Washington."

With this statement, the doctor aligned himself with the most reactionary and fascist minded elements of Wall Street, with the Liberty League, and with the Hearst-Landon-Knox ticket of the Republican Party.

The "Union Party," which Townsend will support, is the creature of the Liberty League with the obvious purpose of helping defeat Roosevelt and of electing Landon.

However, giving a ray of hope to this bleak prospect, the San Francisco Townsend Clubs are reported to be passing on a resolution repudiating any connection with the "Union Patry" and demanding that Townsend do likewise. Club No. 8 is known to have passed this resolution, and to have so instructed its delegates to the national convention.

100 PER CENT PHONY

Lemke spoke to an outdoor audience of 10,000 here Sunday night and described himself as "100 per cent for old-age revolving pension." Although he did not specify the Townsend Plan, Dr. Townsend expressed himself as satisfied with Lemke's statement and said Lemke had given him a stronger "personal" statement.

President Roosevelt and Landon have been invited to speak but declined. Norman Thomas, Socialist Party presidential candidate, accepted an invitation and spoke to the convention Saturday. Earl Browder, Presidential candidate of the Communist Party whose platform calls for a real fight for old age and social security was not invited.

Actual "official" endorsement of any presidential candidate was barred by the convention.

THOMAS BOOED

The delegates booed Thomas when he said he could not endorse the Townsend Plan, and did not think "you can rescue prosperity with a two per cent transaction tax—not without inflation." Thomas, however, made no mention of organizing struggle to win real concessions from any capitalist administration.

"I am not fighting the Democratic Party," said Thomas. "I AM fighting the Republican Party, but I do not think America is going to be helped by a campaign of hate."

(For complete analysis of the speech of Norman Thomas, see the next issue of the Western Worker.)

Tell your fellow-union members what unions throughout the country are doing in building the Farmer-Labor Party. Read about it in the Western Worker.

'RED-BAITING' USED TO HIDE CITY GRAFTERS

Alameda Official Tells of Fake Communist Leaflet Plot to Sidetrack Recall

BULLETIN!

Charging overt acts of graft, the Alameda County Grand Jury indicted five Alameda City officials under an accusation to remove them from office. The officials were Mayor Hans W. Roebke, City Attorney William J. Locke, City Clerk Sherman G. Blood, and Councilman Bruce Munro and Charles W. Broyles.

OAKLAND.—"Red-baiting" and the issuance of spurious leaflets in the name of the Communist Party, in order to hide their own malfeasance in public office, were exposed as weapons of Alameda city officials here last week in the probe of the Alameda County Grand Jury into graft in the city administration.

George D. Leydecker, Alameda building superintendent and witness before the jury, testified that City Clerk Sherman G. Blood, C. A. Caulfield, member of the Board of Education, and himself, talked over the printing of spurious Communist literature during the school strike early this year.

Leydecker testified that he was told the plan "would discredit the people who are favoring the recall" of Mayor Roebke and City Councilmen Munro and Broyles. He said he donated $10 once and $5 another time.

"COVER" FOR GRAFT

The "red herring" was admitted by City Clerk Blood, who told how then City Manager B. Ray Fritz, now under indictment for perjury, assertedly covered up his own activities by demanding an investigation by the district attorney.

Harry Moore, golf course foreman, said he was assessed $25 and $5 monthly to hold his job, and that 10 men under him had to pay $2.50 monthly for their jobs. Moore added that the fertilizer contractor, Manuel Rogers, lost his contract when he refused to boost his price from $2.50 to $4.50 a ton so that Fritz could "cut in."

One or more grand jury indictments are imminent, it is reported.

Union men and other progressives in Alameda City are pointing to the scandalous graft that has run rampant in the city government, as another point in evidence of the vital need to build a Farmer-Labor Party.

L. A. INDICTMENTS

SACRAMENTO. — Indictments against several principals in the liquor control graft scandal will be asked of the Los Angeles County Grand Jury, according to a statement here by Eugene U. Blalock, deputy L. A. county district attorney.

"Ralph W. Evans, chairman of the Assembly investigating committees, endangered the success of indictments and prosecutions by granting immunity to witnesses testifying before the committee," declared Blalock.

COPS ARE EXPENSIVE

SAN FRANCISCO.—People of San Francisco are charged more per capita for their graft-ridden police department, than are the people in any other city of 100,000 population or more in the western states, according to figures compiled by the Bureau of Census of the Department of Commerce.

State Unity By Jobless

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balloting was met with prolonged cheers.

Enthusiastically endorsed were proposals for framing legislation to cover the repeal of all sales taxes, to be replaced by sharply graduated taxes on incomes, corporation taxes, and taxes on gifts and inheritances.

It went on record as favoring the exemption from taxation of small homes, furniture, and other property valued at less than $5000.

PROHIBIT EVICTIONS

Delegates pledges themselves to work for the passage of laws that will prohibit the eviction of unemployed from their homes in cases where a workers' income is inadequate to privide for family reqirements.

They urged appropriations for the construction of homes for workers to be rented at nominal rates without discrimination of race, creed, or color.

There was the endorsement of the abolition of child labor which calls for government aid to replace all earned incomes of children.

Resolutions were adopted to oppose the removal of aliens from relief. Discrimination in any form was bitterly assailed.

Capitalist wars were condemned and delegates loudly renewed their fight against all war lords.

FIRE ARMY OFFICERS

Among the resolutions passed was one demanding the resignation of Col. Donald H. Connolly, WPA administrator, and the immediate dismissal from relief agencies of all army officers and former army officers.

Hearst was jeered as the instigator of vigilante terrorism of the Black Legion brand. Boycott of Hearst news reels, movies, and newspapers is to be intensified.

The convention protested the

The convention protested the brutality of Sheriff Logan Jackson and his deputies of Orange County in dealing with Mexican citrus strikers there.

Discrimination and political favoritism on WPA was condemned while the Committee for Industrial Organization was given unanimous convention support.

NO DISCRIMINATION

Much time was devoted to the problems of the Negro people and sustained applause greeted all who spoke in defense of minority groups.

Demands were made for the immediate release of all class prisoners.

A telegram of necouragement and hope was sent to Nora Conklin at Tehachapi prison and every delegate pledged added effort in the fight to repeal the Criminal Syndicalism law.

An hour after the convention opened on Saturday every delegate had joined the picket line at WPA headquarters to protest the refusal of relief officials to hear unemployed grievance committees.

Saturday night the visitors were the guests of Los Angeles unemployed at a Music Arts Hall dance. A pre-convention rally was held at the Epic Auditorium Friday night. Among the speakers were Assemblyman John Pelletier; Assemblyman Augustus Hawkins; Bill Busick, of the I. L. G. W. U.; Pat Calahan, Los Angeles unemployed leader; Alex Noral and Tom Kerry, northern labor organizers.

STATE OFFICIALS

The newly elected officers of the Workers' Alliance of California are: Frank Lintner, Menlo Park, president; Tom Kerry, Oakland, vice-president; Edward L. Quevedo, Los Angeles, 2nd vice president; Robert Russell, Oakland, 3rd vice president; E. M. O'Donnell, San Francisco, secretary-treasurer; Alexander Noral, San Francisco, state organizer; Dewey Targan, Los Angeles, organizer southern section; Harry Myers, Oakland, field organizer.

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San Francisco will be state headquarters of the unified organization.

LAUNDRIES IN SAN JOSE SHUT DOWN TIGHTLY

Council Hears How 500 Strikers Battle for Closed Shop; Picket Lines Are Set Up

SAN JOSE.—The Santa Clara Labor Council's last meeting was stirred by the elated report of the Laundry Workers' delegates that every non-union laundry in this city has been closed tight by the strike of over 500 workers.

The delegates reported militant picket lines in action. The strike came after State Labor Federation secretary Vandeleur had replied for months to landry workers' demand for action with delays and wordy conferences.

MEET TO MAP STRATEGY

Now, at Vandeleur's request, committees of five from each Santa Clara County union are to meet with the laundry Workers' Union and Vandeleur in the Labor Temple on Wednesday night, July 22, to set up plans of solidifying the city-wide strike of laundry workers.

Owners are stubborn in their refusal to meet with union representatives and every indication is given that only a determined drive by the union will bring about the closed shop. The Laundry Workers" Union has already launched such a drive.

After an hour's bitter debate, the Council endorsed the ordinance closing local grocery stores on Sundays. The Executive Board, due to the efforts of reactionary elements had earlier turned down endorsement. The endorsement is a progressive measure because it improves the clerks' working conditions.

$60,000,000 For Army Air Corps

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Already the Army Air Corps has taken $26,059,495 from WPA funds, the National Aeronautic Magazine for July reports.

"The army air corps has been particularly active behind the scenes," in an effort to get WPA funds, the magazine says.

Another $45,000,000 is to be spent for the air corps from WPA funds, during the coming fiscal year. These funds are allocated to building new air planes and air bases in preparation for war.

Heroes of '34 March in Spain

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for the arming of the workers against the fascists, and calling on all soldiers and sailors to mutiny against their officers if the latter are fascists or fascist sympathizers.

An official government announcement said the revolt in Madrid has been quelled, following an air bombardment of Montana Barracks, where the fascists had been holding out.

Off Cadiz in the south, the loyal cruiser Cervantes raked the port with fire and inflicted heavy losses on the fascists, while in Malaga harbor, loyal submarines are also ready to shell the fascists.

Loyal war ships and airplanes have bombarded Melilla and Ceuta, on the coast of Morocco where the fascist coup originated.

The fascists are reported to be holding La Linea, where heavy fighting took place, and Algeciras in the Gibraltar area, and are carrying on mass executions of people loyal to the Spanish Republic and the left-wing Azana government.

The anti-fascists are said to be strongly barricaded north of Gibraltar.

At Larache, in Spanish Morocco, five war ships are held by the anti-fascists who munitinied against their fascist officers. Men of the five ships said they locked their officers in mess rooms until all of them could be concentrated on the surveying vessel Tofino.

The fascists have made claims over radio stations in Morocco that all of Morocco is theirs, but reports bely their claims.

In La Linea, the people refused to disperse at the fascists' order, and were fired upon with machine guns and rifles, many being killed.

Broun to Address Huge Mooney Meet In S.F., July 26th

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superior court of Marin county, appealed to the court of appeals, and then to the California supreme court. All this is preparation for John F. Finerty to argue the case in Washington, on the grounds of violation of the 14th amendment, with a clear slate behind him.

RESULTS OF HEARINGS

The protracted hearings have, however, accomplished some definite results of their own. The parade of broken-down agents of the frame-up gang; the open confessions of Draper Hand former policeman; the damaging admissions wrung from former District Attorney Charles M. Fickert and his one-time assistant, Edward Cunha; the straightforward stories of the five Preparedness Day defendants themselves, and the feeble rejoinders of the state's witnesses have built up an impregnable story of what really happened before and after the explosion in 1916.

Moreover, the hearings have brought to light numerous important documents, transcripts of questionings, and the like that have been deliberately hidden from Mooney's attorneys during all these years. They alone, if no witnesses had spoken, would give Finerty plenty of opportunity to prove that 20 years ago Tom Mooney did not have a trial "by due process of law."

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SAN FRANCISCO TOWNSEND CLUB LEADS FIGHT AGAINST COUGHLIN-LEMKE FASCIST GANG

EDITORIAL

Townsend Club No. 8 of San Francisco has taken the right stand!

Recognizing that men and forces are at work in the national convention of the Townsend movement who would disrupt and mislead those fighting for old age pensions, this club sent wires to its delegates in Cleveland demanding that they fight any support or endorsement of the fascist "Union Party" of Father Coughlin and get rid of the Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith, heir to the Huey Long "Share-the-Wealth" movement.

HIDES BEHIND MYTH

When Smith shouted that 300 men were planted in Public Hall to disturb the convention, he pointed the finger at mythical enemies to detract the attention from the real enemies in the auditorium—Coughlin and himself.

Smith has proposed to change the Old Age Revolving Pensions, Ltd., to defray the demand for old age pensions, which has become the hope of millions, into a Townsend Recovery Plan. This proposal would doom the hopes of the Townsendites for pensions, would cause them to abandon the fight for old age security, a real and definite demand, for an empty formula.

Smith also proposes, while exhorting the shade of Jefferson and Jackson, to place the organization in the hands of "Citizens Maximi." He would kill all democracy within the movement, would place it utterly in the hands of a few unscrupulous enemies of genuine old age pensions, would place the movement at the feet of the Wall Street-Liberty League-Hearst gang for the purpose of defeating Roosevelt and electing the fascist-minded Republican, Alf Landon.

LANDON PENSION FOE

Landon is the bitterest enemy of security for the aged. Yet it is his election that Coughlin and Smith are plotting. Their "Union Party" has that goal in mind, that purpose for its existence: Landon, Coughlin, Lemke have never endorsed the Townsend Plan, and in fact, the radio priest called it "nonsense."

Townsendites! Your movement is in danger, but you can save it by uniting with labor, farm and progressive forces who feel the lash of reaction as you do. You can save it by uniting with these forces in a mighty battle for old age pensions and security. You can save it by retaining control of your organization through democratic means by those who built it and sustained it—the mass of the membership.

Democratic control of the organization must be fought for in every Townsend club, as it has been in San Francisco's Club No. 8. If it would have the fight for old age pensions, every club in the nation must follow this lead.

Do not allow anyone, including Dr. Townsend, to betray the struggle for old age security into the Fascist Coughlin-Lemke camp!

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1000 HEAR OF CP CONVENTION

John Leech Interprets Events Of L. A. from Communist Party Program

LOS ANGELES.—Upwards of 1000 Communist Party members and their friends heard John Leech, Los Angeles county organizer, give a complete report on the historic Ninth Convention of the Communist Party, held recently in New York, at which Earl Browder and James W. Ford were named presidential and vice presidential standard bearers in the coming elections.

This open general membership meeting convened at the Cooperative Auditorium, 842 South Main street, on Thursday night, July 16th.

PROGRAM OF STRUGGLE

Contrasting the sincerity expressed at the Communist convention with the horn-blowing, back-slapping conventions of the Democrats and Republicans, Leech said the Communists offered a program that dealt with the struggle for the daily economic needs of the toiling masses.

He told of the forces of fascism that are uniting throughout the world in a struggle to maintain their fat profits at the expense of the working and middle classes.

"Even here in Los Angeles," said Leech, "we see these same forces at work spreading terror and intimidation among the citrus and other workers. The Los Angeles Times, Hearst, Chief of Police Davis, and the Chamber of Commerce are all conspiring to defeat those forces of progress seeking to unite in defense of their natural right—a free, peaceful, happy and prosperous life."

Leech warned of the increasing danger of war with Los Angeles County becoming an organized center for war concentration.

SAN PEDRO DECISIVE

"San Pedro has now become our most decisive section in the fight against war and fascism. Not only is it a great shipping center, but it is becoming more and more a base for our navy."

He told of the increasing importance of Los Angeles as a center of aircraft manufacturing as well as rubber, oil, steel, and automobile activities.

"With the consistent slanderous and murderous attacks of the Los Angeles Times against the trade union people in its fight to maintain an open shop town, it becomes more than ever the task of all progressive forces to intensify the drive for the unionization of all industry," Leech declared.

The victory of Landon and Knox, he said would lead the country a long way on the road to fascism and war. He scored Roosevelt for his concessions to big business "offering only crumbs to workers." Nor did he overlook in his condemnation of Roosevelt the militarization of the CCC; his failure to check the usurped powers of the Supreme Court; and his policy of reaction in the deep south.

Leech emphasized the necessity of unity with the Socialist Party and warned them against the disruptive influences of their Trotskyist attachments.

The Communist Party, he declared, was pledged to the building of a Farmer-Labor party on "a real mass scale."

"In its struggle for socialism, for the daily economic needs, the Communist Party is the organizer and unifier of all the masses," Leech said.

NEGRO CONGRESS

He was generous in his praise of the success of the National Negro Congress in Los Angeles. It tends to extend the prestige of the Communists, he said, and carries the importance of our party to a wide section of the Negro people.

"Our party needs them and they in turn need our party," said Leech.

"Let us go forward," Leech said in closing, "to a free, peaceful, happy and prosperous America!"

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JOSEPH A. PLECARPO
Socialist candidate for the State Assembly in the 11th District, Stockton, who is being supported by the Communist Party for election.

Urges Armenians To Boycott Picnic Of Labor Enemies

By an Armenian Worker

LOS ANGELES.—An Armenian picnic will be held Sunday, July 26th which will be sponsored by the Armenian-American Citizens' Club.

The reactionary color of the group can best be explained by the nature of the program which was announced yesterday.

FITTS AND DAVIS

Police Chief Davis and District Attorney Fitts are the stars of the show. It is significant that Davis will conduct a sharp-shooting contest with a large number of cops participating and the natural assumption is that Fitts will applaud generously this exhibition in the art of killing.

Of course Fitts is also out for the Armenian vote. It the elections were over, the last place in the world you would find him would be at an Armenian picnic.

Yet there is reason for these Fascist servants of the Chamber of Commerce labor-haters appearing on the program.

ANTI-LABOR

James Agajanian, one of the leaders of the club, is known to have been a member of the Klu Klux Klan; Aram Ygubian, high, in club councils was a counter revolutionary leaving Russia in 1922; Dr. Avajian, after fighting the Soviets, left his native land shortly after 1920.

The avowed purpose of this club is to fight Communism and promote counter-revolution in the Soviet Union.

All Armenian lovers of peace, security and prosperity and builders of socialism are urged to refuse support to these enemies of liberty on July 26th.

FOES OF NAZIS WILL SPEAK IN L.A. JULY 23RD

LOS ANGELES, July 16.—Prince Huburtus and Princess Helga Maria zu Lowenstein, foes of the Nazi regime in Germany, will speak here next Thursday, July 23rd, under the auspices of the Hollywood League Against Naziism.

This will be the first open meeting of the League and will be held at the Wilshire Ebell Theatre, 4400 Wilshire boulevard.

Donald Ogden Stewart, chairman of the Hollywood League Against Naziism, has stated that the Prince and Princess will make no public appearances except those sponsored by the League.

There will be no admission charge for this meeting and no collection will be taken.

OLSON UNDER KNIFE

ROCHESTER, Minn. — Governor Floyd B. Olsen, head of Minnesota's Farmer-Labor Party, has undergone a successful operation at the Mayo clinic here.

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C. P. APPROVES UNITED FRONT!

Platform for Plecarpo Now Up for Socialist Party Approval

STOCKTON — The Socialist-Communist united front platform, under whic Joseph A. Plecarpo is planning to campaign as a Socialist candidate for the State Assembly in the 11th District here, has been approved by the State Executive Committee of the Communist Party and has now gone to the State Executive Committee of the Socialist Party.

The platform follows:

1. Unemployed. Jobs for all unemployed workers at union wages on useful projects, such as building houses to live in at low rental cost, no discrimination against nationality; against workers being forced to take jobs under the union scale; no worker to be used as a strikebreaker.

2. Repeal of Sales Tax. For the repeal of the sales tax and all other tax burdens on poor workers, and tax those with incomes of $2500 or more.

3. Hospitalization for Workers. Free hospitalization and medical care for those who are not able to afford it.

4. Constitutional Rights. For the repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act and all other anti-labor laws. For the protection of workers and their constitutional rights.

5. Labor. For industrial unions and abolition of company unions. Against child labor.

6. Unemployed and Social Insurance. For unemployment and social insurance such as the Frazier-Lundeen Bill now before Congress. This bill gives to each worker who is unemployed $10 per week and $3 for each dependent. State aid for the sick, the blind, and expectant bothers.

MILLMEN ARE NEGOTIATING IN LA STRIKE

LOS ANGELES.—Conferences between striking cabinet workers and employers are continuing here. Although negotiations have been pending for several days, no immediate settlement is in sight.

The strike of the Millmen and Cabinet Makers, Local 884, has been under way for 12 weeks.

Six men, arrested on framed-up charges in connection with the walkout, have been released for lack of evidence.

Legionnaire Fights Citizenship Petition

SAN FRANCISCO.— Because he argued for repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act before the Board of Supervisors, and because he is a member of the American Civil Liberties Union, F. J. McConnel's petition for citizenship should be denied—or so says Harper Knowles, chairman of the subversive activities committee of the American Legion.

Sharp Rise in Food And Living Costs for Wage Earners Occurs

NEW YORK.—Food prices for wage earners have shown their sharpest rise, according to Dunn and Bradstreet reports, since the so-called "inflation boom" of April, 1933.

The Dunn and Bradstreet weekly food index for the period ended July 7, rose 10 cents. Standing at $2.76, the index is more than $1 above the figure of $1.67 for the same period in 1932. The National Industrial Industrial Conference Board reports that the cost of living of wage earners continued to rise, increasing 1.7 per cent from May to June.

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BROWDER-FORD SIGNS WRECKED BY HOODLUMS

LOS ANGELES. — Hoodlums destroyed the election campaign signs on the Communist Eastside Election Headquarters at 2001 Brooklyn avenue on Wednesday, July 15th.

The signs urged the people of the 13th Congressional District to vote for Earl Browder and James Ford, Communist candidates for President and vice president, and to elect Emma Cutler for Congress and Herbert Elstein for Assembly.

Cutler is opposing the fascist Charles Kramer, incumbent and sponsor of the anti-labor Russel-Kramer bill, in this district.

E. Bay Reports CS Repeal Progress

OAKLAND. — The East Bay Conference for Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act reports initiative petitions to place repeal on the ballot coming in daily, with about 8000 signatures in the office already.

Some 300 signatures were obtained at the meeting of the Butchers' Union recently.

The registrar of voters is refusing to let the C. S. repeal workers have the necessary registration books in the day time, forcing them to work by night in order to get the petitions precincted for filing.

Reports from Contra Costa and Solano counties also indicate good results in the securing of signatures to the repeal petitions.

Strike Vote Gets R.R. Wage Raise

SACRAMENTO. — Action speaks louder than words, because the engineers, firemen's and conductor's brotherhoods on the Western Pacific, a few months ago voted to strike the Western Pacific mountain run between Keddie and Bieber, wage increases have now been granted by the company.

Engineers will be increased about 52 cents for every 100 miles of run; firemen about the same, and conductors 87 cents per 100 miles. The wage increases are retroactive to July 1.

Two other lines—the Sacramento Northern and Tidewater Southern owned by the Western Pacific were also included in the strike vote. Negotiations are still going on, through the Railway Labor mediator, and undoubtedly the demands of the men will be won here too.

Technicalities Are Holding Up Hearing On One-Man Cars

SAN FRANCISCO. — Hearing on the appeal for attorneys for the city for a re-hearing of the original unfavorable hearing—in these legal technicalities and red tape, the people of San Francisco were again strung up on their demands for the abolition of one-man street cars.

The hearing was set for July 21st to give the city and the Market Street Railway Company time to file additional affidavits. The company contends that one-man car operation has been "successful and satisfactory," despite the majority of the people to the contrary.

RICHARDSON IN 20TH DISTRICT

Congressional Nominee Came To Communist Party From Epics

SAN DIEGO.—Esco L. Richardson, Communist Party candidate for Congress in the 20th District, comprising San Diego and Imperial counties, is an oil worker who first stepped in the direction of militant working class activity in the Epic campaign of 1934.

EPIC ORGANIZER

"I took an active part in the campaign," states Richardson, "organizing and becoming secretary of the South Bay Epic Club, which managed the campaign in the southern part of San Diego County.

"My contact with politicians and their tactics soon brought me to the realization that my place was in the Communist Party, which I joined in 1935."

Richardson was born January 29th, in Lawrence County, Ill., of true "melting pot" stock—Irish, German, English, and others.

OIL WORKER

Forced to leave school after the eighth grade, he became an oil worker and worked in Canada, Wyoming, Montana and California. He principally worked in the oil fields and refineries around Casper, Wyo.

Participating in unemployed demonstrations, Richardson joined the Public Works and Unemployed Union, and also took part in the celery workers' strike at Chula Vista this year.

He and his wife, Jean, have three boys, Esco Jr., 9; Tommy, 7; and Jimmie, 5.

AGAINST VIGILANTISM

Richardson pledges himself to fight for social insurance measures, such as the Frazier-Lundeen Bill and the Marcantonio Relief and Works Standards Bill, on behalf of the 13,000 families on relief or WPA "security" wage jobs in San Diego County. He likewise pledges himself to a fight in congress against vigilantism, which has run riot throughout San Diego and Imperial counties, chiefly against the agricultural workers in their organizational struggles for decent living conditions and wages.

ALL ROADS GO TO WW PICNIC

SAN FRANCISCO.—All roads lead to Skipper's Park near Redwood City on Sunday, August 2nd!

On ths date will be celebrated the annual Workers' Press Picnic for the benefit of the Western Worker, with several thousands of San Francisco Bay area workers intending to be there.

Admission to the picnic will be 25 cents, including an elaborate program of dancing and games and a huge camp fire in the evening. International food and a gigante barbecue will attract the heavy eaters. Transportation will cost 25 cents the round trip, with trucks leaving 121 Haight street from 8:30 a. m. until noon.

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Labor Nominee in Need of Platform For Senate Race

By a Worker Correspondent

RICHMOND, Calif.—At a meeting of the Contra Costa County Central Labor Council, that body went on record endorsing the candidacy of Brother J. Howard Stevens, president of the Carquinez Local 51 of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, as a candidate for State Senator on the Democratic ticket.

This was a very wise move on the part of organized labor in this country. However, there are some weaknesses in the campaign so far.

SOME WEAKNESSES

First—no conference of any kind was called before Stevens filed his application of candidacy, whereby different groups could attend the conference and assist in the drawing up of a platform.

Second—since then a conference was called by the Central Labor Council, and letters were sent to organizations asking them to attend and assist in the drawing up of a platform. However, at this conference the only ones who showed up were trade union members, demonstrating that the small business man and the independent small farmer could see no reason to attend.

A platform committee was elected to draw up a platform and present it at the next meeting. But when the next meeting was called it was found that a committee of three had been formed and brought in recommendations that no platform of any kind be adopted by Stevens—on the grounds that the other side would pick it to pieces.

WRONG POLICY

When this was called to the attention of the committee, showing that such a policy was wrong, the answer was—you want to see Brother Stevens elected don't you? So we are a cinch to get all labor votes; but we want the small farmer and the independent merchant's votes.

This argument was answered in the following manner by a delegate: "How are we going to win over the small farmers and the merchants unless we have a platform that takes them into consideration?" However, the committee of three could not see it and the motion was voted down.

NEEDS PLATFORM

In order to win the nomination at the primary elections the 25th of August, Stevens should immediately instruct the committee to draw up a platform containing the following points:

1.—For the repeal of the criminal syndicaism act and the defense of workers civil rights.

2.—For a state bill similar to the Lundeen Bill for unemployment and old-age insurance. And favoring the adoption of the Frazier-Lundeen Bill by Congress.

3.—Favoring adoption of the Marcantonio Relief and Works Standard Bill by Congress.

4.—For the repeal of the sales tax.

5.—Favoring the building of a Farmer-Labor Party after the 1936 Elections.

In this way the people will know that he is out for a determined drive to win the election and that after he is elected will work in the interests of the people, where if he only states that he is for labor and does not mention any specific bills such as the ones above mentioned, he leaves himself open to attacks from all sides.

On this program depends the results of the election campaign and whether we will have a workers representative in the Senate next year.

Defend the Soviet Union against the attack of Hitler and Mussolini, Japan and Poland.

LABOR LEAGUE PLANS FUTURE

Berry Statement Indicates Non-Partisan Group As Labor Party Basis

WASHINGTON, D. C.—In a decision to maintain the Labor Non-Partisan League after the 1936 elections "to meet an expected political realignment" by 1940, leaders of the organization indicate that the League may become the core of a gigantic Farmer-Labor movement. Such a movement would be backed by many of the most powerful international unions.

George L. Berry, president of the Printing Pressmen's Union, and a leader both in the Labor Non-Partisan League and the Committee for Industrial Organization, has just announced the strategy to be followed by the League.

CALIF. A CONCENTRATION STATE

The League's resources are to be concentrated in New York, California, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Illinois. State Leagues are to be formed in all 48 states.

While the League is supporting Franklin D. Roosevelt for re-election as president, its leaders in New York have just announced plans for a Labor Party which will run candidates on a state-wide and local basis.

Plans for the League were announced here at a press conference called by Berry, John L. Lewis, and Sidney Hillman, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, which has close to 200,000 members. Hillman is backing the Labor Party in New York.

NO TIE TO DEM. OR G. O. P.

So far 32 international and national A. F. of L. unions have affiliated to the League; only eight of these are affiliated with C. I. O.

Berry was emphatic in stating that the Labor Non-Partisan League will not allow itself to be tied up to either the Democratic or Republican Party even though it is supporting Roosevelt. "I want to remind you," he told the press conference, "that the League will not be embarrassed for funds. We emphatically will not accept, directly or indirectly, funds from any political party."

Although Berry said that anything regarding a Labor Party after the 1936 elections is "purely speculative," he gave as the League's function after November the meeting of a "political realignment."

The League claims 2,000,000 members. After the August 10 meeting of the League's state heads, its leaders expect another 1,000,000 to join.

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'Legal' Terror in Strike Area Shows Need Of Farmer-Labor Party

In its last issue the Western Worker made a sensational expose of the strike-smashing and terroristic plans of the orange growers and their "legal agents," in cooperation with governmental agencies.

This expose demands immediate action by all the labor, progressive and anti-fascist forces of Los Angeles and Orange counties in particular, the forging of united front action to smash the terror against the heroic members of the Orange Pickers' Union.

The terror, "legal" and vigilante, has been conducted against the workers on a scale unprecedented in this area, with complete disregard for the constitutional rights not only of the strikers, but also of any one suspected of the slightest sympathy toward the strikers.

It is significant, in view of President Roosevelt's demagogic promises to labor, that federal agencies in Southern California have acted in the interests of the growers, by threats of deportation of Mexican strikers and through the furnishing of scabs by the National Re-employment Service, which operates under the U. S. Department of Labor.

United pressure from all working-class groups and from all anti-fascist forces is immediately necessary to force President Roosevelt to act in this strike, to stop the anti-labor activities of federal agencies, and to force the growers to arbitrate. Mr. Fallert, of the National Re-employment Service, has stated that there is no strike because the growers will not arbitrate!

The Orange Pickers' Union should immediately enlist the aid of all trade unions in Los Angeles and Orange counties, to lay the basis for a broad struggle against vigilantism, and to smash the terror.

Sharpest lesson to be learned from this situation, where governmental agencies aid the growers against the strikers in the interests of profits, is the immediate and vital necessity of independent political action by all pro-labor and anti-fascist forces. Only a Farmer-Labor Party can win for the agricultural workers and all other workers the constitutional rights of labor, can smash vigilantism and "legal" terror, can genuinely improve the living conditions of the masses of exploited working people.

In all cities throughout California, we urge united action between the Communist and Socialist Parties, trade unions and other progressive forces, in support of the orange strikers. This united action should take the form of mass meetings under joint auspices to protest the terror and help in the defense of the prisoners and relief of the embattled strikers.

Forward to victory in the orange pickers' strike! Forward to the building of a Farmer-Labor Party!

The Way to Scotch a Serious Threat to S.F. Labor

Organized labor in San Francisco can no longer afford to allow the anti-picketing ordinance to be used as a threat against it.

Such a threat has again been made by the open shoppers' Chamber of Commerce, which demands that the anti-picketing ordinance be stiffly enforced from now on.

Under the anti-picketing ordinance, organized labor, when on strike, or when attempting to call attention to an unfair concern, has in most cases been resorting to roundabout methods, such as selling labor papers in front of the place to be picketed. Pickets in most cases have not dared to mention the word "scab," or "boycott," for fear of violating the ordinance.

The position of organized labor in San Francisco has changed too much for the better to suffer such indignity. Besides, the very existence of the anti-picketing ordinance is a sword hanging over labor's head.

Delegate Ernst, at last Friday's Labor Council meeting, lost patience with passivity in the face of such anti-labor ordinance. He called on the Executive Committee to devise methods of ending this ordinance, and urged mass picketing as an excellent way of accomplishing it.

Labor in Los Angeles, which has doubled its membership in the past 12 months, has pointed the way in the use of mass picketing to nullify an anti-picketing ordinance.

The Communist Party of California heartily endorses Delegate Ernst's suggestion, which, if carried through, would restore an elementary right to San Francisco labor.

We Have Not Forgotten Mooney and Billings

There is no country in the world in which the working class does not know the names of Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings.

The arrest of Mooney and Billings, constituting one of the most notorious frame-ups in American history, occurred 20 years ago this month.

The capitalist class, the powerful open shop interests, unleashed all their ferociousness in an effort to snuff out, with a legal cloak, the lives of the two devoted fighters for the cause of organized labor. The mighty mass demonstrations of the workers in Russia, in many European countries, in the Latin American countries, added to the mass movement in this country, saved the lives of Mooney and Billings.

To this day, however, they have been entombed in the prisons of California. But organized labor, and the masses of the people have by no means forgotten them.

To commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Mooney-Billings frame-up, great mass meetings will be held, sponsored by organized labor, in many of the industrial centers of the country. In New York, the 800,000 workers represented in the Central Trades and Labor Council will sponsor such a mass meeting.

In San Francisco the Civic Auditorium, on next Sunday, July 26, at 2 p.m., will be the scene of a huge Mooney-Billings rally. The Tom Mooney Molders' Defense Committee and the Railroad Brotherhoods will sponsor the San Francisco mass meeting. The Central Labor Council is supporting the rally

The place of every trade union member in the Bay Area, of every progressive person, is in Civic Auditorium next Sunday, at 2 p. m.

Jacob Burck, former editorial cartoonist for the Daily Worker, is now holding exhibitions of his latest murals in the Soviet Union.

A complete Russian translation of the poems of Robert Burns has been completed by a group of Soviet writers and will be off the press in Moscow soon.

Profits and production in the giant Skoda munitions factories of Czechoslovakia have more than trebled in the past year.

The Dept. of Justice is attempting to add one more to the steps toward fascism by opening a barrage of propaganda in favor of compulsory fingerprinting throughout the country. That this would be aimed at organized labor is seen by the Dept. of Justice admission that "the public will have to be educated to the idea" before any federal fingerprinting law can be passed.

American People at Crossroads in Drive To Organize Steel Industry

MUST CHOOSE BETWEEN PROGRESS AND RETROGRESSION, SAYS COMMUNIST PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE IN RADIO TALK

The following address was delivered by Earl Browder, Communist candidate for president, over station WGY, Schenectady, N. Y., on July 10th:

Friends: Greetings to the workers of Schenectady, from the Communist Party, the party of all who toil. Today I will speak to you about two things of intimate concern to every one. These things are the great campaign to bring trade unionism to the half-million steel workers of America, and the presidential election campaign.

These two things are related, and both will affect the conditions of life of every worker. In both campaigns the American people face a crisis, they stand at a crossroad of history, they must choose between progress or retrogression, between the further development of popular democratic rights or the rise of reactionary suppression, of fascism. Both in the election struggle, and in the fight to establish trade unionism in the steel industry, the main problem for the people is how to throw back the attacks of Wall Street, of the monopolists, headed by the combination of Landon, Hearst, and the Liberty League.

HITS TORIES OF '36

Our modern Tories, the fascist-minded men of America, seek to destroy our economic standards and our political liberties. They would push our country onto the slippery path to fascism and war, to economic and political serfdom, to a coolie-standard of life.

The steel workers are organizing themselves, with the help of the big progressive trade unions headed by John L. Lewis, to gain their democratic right to organized collective bargaining, to gain a decent living wage in return for the tremendous riches they turn out of the great steel mills of America. The steel barons, speaking with the arrogance of absolutist rulers, have issued a declaration of war against this exercise of the democratic rights of their workers, and thereby against the democratic rights of the American people. They have emphasized their arrogance by spending a half-million dollars in a single day to publish this declaration of war in full-page advertisements in the daily newspapers throughout the land.

For decades the steel barons ruled with machine-gun and blackjack over the towns where the great mills and furnaces are located. These towns became known as company towns, which signifies rule by the paid agents of the steel trust, complete denial of civil rights, with an army of spies and stool-piegons enforcing a terroristic dictatorship which could have been a model for Hitler in Germany. A little glimpse of the horrible reality of "company towns" was given by the investigations of the La-Follette Committee of the U. S. Senate in its investigation of violations of civil rights, which should arouse the indignation of the whole country.

BARONS PREPARING CIVIL WAR

Today when the steel workers move toward trade union organization, the industrial overlords—the Morgans, Schwabs, Graces, Weirs, all the barons of steel—are preparing a veritable civil war against them. They are converting the steel mills into arsenals, piling up ammunition and poison gases, to use against the steel workers and their families, to enforce the company union and the blacklist.

The Steel Trust's declaration of war against democratic rights, bases itself directly upon the identical language of the labor plank of the Republican Party platform adopted just a few weeks ago in Cleveland. That plank declared for "collective bargaining free from interference from any source." Now we have the proof of exactly what the Republican platform means for all America. It means the capitalists can unite themselves in giant monopolies which hold the whole people by the throat, but if the workers try to unite and help one another that is "interference" which will be smashed by fire and sword. The workers shall be allowed just so many and no more liberties which the steel trust itself shall decide to grant out of the fullness of its greedy heart.

The fight of the steel workers for their most elementary democratic right—the right to organize themselves into genuine trade unions and affiliate with the whole organized labor movement—is the most important front today in the fight to preserve the democratic rights of the whole people, to throw back the rising threat of fascism which Landon, Hearst, and the Liberty League seek to impose upon us. The choice in the steel industry is between progress or reaction, between democratic rights or the absolute dictatorship of the steel barons. The American people cannot preserve their rights and liberties unless we help the steel workers win their fight.

The Communist Party throws all its forces into the battle for progress, against reaction. It supports completely the steel workers and the Committee for Industrial organization, in their battle to defeat reactionary absolutism, to build a strong union which will win a living wage and better conditions.

MEANING OF STEEL LABOR VICTORY

Success for the steel workers means a victory for the whole people of America. It means a great wave of organization in all industries, better wages for all; it means distributing some of the enormous accumulation of riches that chokes the country among the people who produced it; it means improvement of conditions for the farmers, and the middle class people, who languish and suffer when the working class is starved and beaten down. It means greater well-being and more democracy for the entire country.

Liberty, progress, and a better life, can be won only by strong organizations of the people, and above all, of the working people. This organization must be able to act for better conditions in the industries. But it must prevent Wall Street from using the powers of government to defeat and destroy it. That means it must go into politics, must move to oust reactionaries and the agents of big business from office, must begin to enforce policies favorable to working class rights, must put workingmen and their representatives into governmental positions. We Communists declare that this can be done effectively, only by building up a new political party, based upon the trade unions and farmers organizations, bringing in the Socialists and Communists also—a great people's front in a Farmer-Labor Party.

Strong industrial unions, and a Farmer-Labor Party, strengthen and help each other—they go naturally together.

In these elections the Communist Party puts up its own candidates only where this new Farmer-Labor Party has not yet arisen with its own ticket. Our ticket and platform are for the purpose of building this broader and more powerful united front of all the workers, farmers, and suffering middle class people.

COMMUNIST PLANKS

The Communist Party platform places as one of the eight main planks the defense and extension of democratic rights and civil liberties. I want to read the full text of this plank:

"We support a constitutional amendment to put an end to the dictatorial and usurped powers of the Supreme Court. We demand further that Congress immediately reassert its constitutional powers to enact social and labor legislation and to curb the Supreme Court's usurpation.

"We champion the unrestricted freedom of speech, press, radio and assembly and the right to organize and strike. We call upon the people to safeguard these traditional liberties.

"We stand for Federal legislation which will establish labor's full right to collective bargaining, which will outlaw company-unions, the spy and stool-pigeon systems, and all other coercion by employers.

"We demand heavy penalties and imprisonment for employers guilty of discharging workers for union or political activities.

"We demand the abolition of poll-taxes and all other limitations on the right to vote.

"We demand the release of political prisoners, among them Tom Mooney, Angelo Herndon, and the Scottsboro boys are but the outstanding examples.

"The infamous policy of deportation of foregn-born workers must be stopped. The traditional American right of asylum for political refugees must be re-established. Anti-semitic propaganda must be prohibited by law."

This platform for democratic rights expresses the needs and desires of the great mass of the people who work, the majority of Americans. It is the opposite of the Republican platform, which represents the needs and desires of Wall Street, of Hearst, of all the reactionary influences of our country.

HITS F. D. R. CONCESSIONS TO CAPITAL

President Roosevelt and his administration do not stand squarely on either of these two opposite platforms. Roosevelt tries to take a middle road. But he is buffeted from both sides, by progressive influences and by the pressure of the reactionaries in his own party and from the Republicans. He makes small concessions to the progressives, but big and important concessions to the reactionaries, to Wall Street.

But every compromise with and concession to the reactionaries only makes them bolder, only increases their attacks. If there is a real danger of Hearst's man, Landon, being elected this year, it is mainly because of Roosevelt's half-heartedness, his retreats, his failure to fight for a progressive line of policy against the reactionaries. That is why to rely upon Roosevelt is so dangerous. That is why it is a burning necessity to build the powerful Farmer-Labor Party as the only guarantee against reaction, fascism and war.

The new party which we need is not the fake so-called Union Party of Lemke and Coughlin, which was manufactured in the secret chambers of Hearst and the Liberty League. Lemke is only a decoy for Landon. His platform is a thin cover of radical-sounding phrases cast over the same principles as the Republican platform.

DEMOCRACY OR FASCISM

The chief issue of the 1936 election campaign, and of the campaign to bring trade unionism to the steel workers and to all industries of America, is the issue of progress or reaction, of democracy or fascism. Morgan, the Steel Trust, Wall Street, and their agents must be defeated at all cost.

The workers must build their own powerful industrial unions, a powerful and united labor movement, and their own powerful political organization—the Farmer-Labor Party. The people of America must win a measure of control over their own lives, must win a better life, peace, and democratic rights.

All progressive people must join their forces together to fight for and win these most needed things now. It is the only road to greatness and democratic rights. It is upon this basis that it calls for your support, which is thus support for a broad and powerful people's front against reaction, fascism, and war.

The Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, at their annual National Convention held in Cleveland, adopted the following resolution:

Browder on Return From 7th World Congress



The Communist presidential candidate, on his return from the 1935 meet of the Communist International, was met by eager reporters as he left the boat. In his recent broadcast over WGY in Schenectady, N. Y., he declared that the people's battle for civil rights in America is closely bound up with the present drive to organize the steel industry.

AS WE SEE IT

By Bill Schneiderman,
California State Secretary,
Communist Party, U. S. A.

Chester Rowell Worries About Russia

"Russia has granted its people 'freedom of speech' of about the same sort our fascist-minded reactionaries would like to have in America." This is the learned wisdom from the mouth of Chester H. Rowell in the San Francisco Chronicle. We would first like to acquaint our readers with some facts about Mr. Rowell, which might explain how impartial he is.

He headed the California Republican delegation to their Cleveland convention. The Hoover-Warren slate defeated the Hearst-Merriam-Landon slate in the May primaries, after the Chronicle of which Mr. Rowell is Editor, had some pretty nasty things to say about Hearst and Landon. But this did not prevent Mr. Rowell and the other California delegates from getting on bandwagon and joining in making it unanimous for Landon at Cleveland. It might be embarrasing for a newspaper of principle to boost Landon now after all the dirt it spilled in the May primary campaign, but the Chronicle manages to have a very convenient lapse of memory.

HEARST TICKET

If any one has any doubts that the Landon-Knox ticket was conceived by Hearst from the very beginning, we quote the following from Hearst's New York Journal editorial of August 29, 1935: "The Republicans might well nominate Governor Landon of Kansas or Frank Knox of Illinois. In fact, Landon and Knox would make a very appealing ticket."

The "fascist minded reactionaries" of whom Mr. Rowell speaks are none other than the Hearst-Republican-Liberty League alliance as represented by the Landon Knox ticket. By what mental gymnastics does he justify his support of these fascist minde dreactionaries, and at the same time claim to speak for free speech both in America and in Soviet Russia? Or is it just plain dishonesty?

Those democratic liberties which the American people have, are daily being threatened and attacked, especially in California, and we do not hear any outcry from this advocate of free speech. Only this week an organizer of the State Federation of Labor was arrested in Santa Ana, where a strike of agricultural workers is meeting with vigilante terrorism, and he was released only on condition that he leave twon. Theoretically, he was not dened the right of free speech. Actually, when the employers feel their profits threatened, through the organization of their workers, civil liberties become a myth. It does not even require that the virtues of capitalism be questioned, in order for the forces of reaction to clamp down, legally and illegally.

The steel barons of Pennsylvania, the growers and shipowners of California, the Ku Kluxers of the South and the Black Legion of the North take the law into their own hands, and practice force, violence, and terrorism in the name of "law and order."

LIBERTY LEAGUE'S IDEA

But even the democratic rights that the people do have, must be considered in relation to the political and economic conditions under which they live. Political liberty is an abstract phrase if it is not considered in relation to the dominant class forces in society, and to the question of work, living conditions, and security for the people. The American Liberty League's conception of freedom is "freedom to starve" in the name of self respect and rugged individualism. Anatole France once said "The law in its majesty, forbid equally the millionaire and the tramp from sleeping under the bridge."

The conception of freedom which is written into the new Soviet Constitution guarantees not only political liberty and religious liberty, but guarantees the right to work, to leisure, to security, and to education, which the richest country on earth cannot do.

To the Editor of the New York Post:

"Sir—It seems that those doomed to defeat are deprived of all good sense and tact. Millions of patriotic Americans of foreign parentage will not soon forget the undeserved slurs upon those persons denominated aliens and the narrow-minded bigotry and hatred of the aliens expressed by the keynoter of the Republican convention."

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Spanish Fascists Making Last Bloody Effort To Smash People's Front

Hearst Press Flourishes Red Herring at the King

INVENTS OWN REPORT OF ASSASSIN TRY

SAN FRANCISCO.—When an irresponsible fanatic made an attempt to assassinate King Edward VIII in London last Thursday, the San Francisco Examiner, local newspaper of William Randolph Hearst, reported in enormous headlines that the deed was a "Red Plot" and that hundreds of "Reds" were being rounded up as a result.

Even in the 6 a. m. final edition of Friday when definite reports established that the "Reds" had nothing whatever to do with the crime, Hearst continued to run the headline: "Plot to Kill King Jails British Reds." His front page story led off with the paragraph: "King Edward VIII narrowly escaped possible death today when for a split second he calmly looked down the barrel of a revolver levelled by the editor of a radical British weekly."

DELIBERATE DISTORTION

Depending upon slipshod phraseology and falsely placed emphasis to discredit and slander the local Communist movement, Hearst took the fact that the assassin, McMahon, had been the editor of the Human Gazette, a small reformist paper having nothing whatsoever to do with the "Reds," and distorted it to appear that he was a Communsit.

Other newspapers merely reported McMahon's editorship of the gazette as an incident of no real importance.

Similar misrepresentations were made by Hearst early in Roosevelt's administration when Mayor Cermak of Chicago was shot down by a fanatic who was attempting to kill the President. America's yellow editor likewise tried to create the impression that the "Reds" were responsible for the assassination of King Alexander of Yugoslavia.

COMMUNIST RECORD

Neither of these two crimes nor any other assassinations anywhere in the world have ever been the work of Communists. Throughout all America's bitter depression years, Hearst has consistently accused the "Reds" of violence, killings, sabotage and other crimes. And yet, the facts show that Communists have never been involved in any acts of this nature. Not one single case on record can link the Communists to destructive or murderous deeds or advocations.

This is indeed no accident, since in all Communist literature, such activities are warned against. Within the Party itself, even to advocate such practices is regarded as serious breach of discipline and any member found doing so is instantly expelled. Such persons are usually found to be paid spies of the employers seeking to incite some criminal activity that will give provocation for police suppression. They seldom get inside Party circles and when they do, are quickly detected and booted out.

WOULD BE A DETRIMENT

Such fanatical deeds as assassinations could not aid the interests of the working class in any way. To the contrary, they would be extremely detrimental.

Assassinations and other terroristic practices, if not direct attempts by reactionary interests to frame workers, are invariably traced to irresponsible individuals—fanatics—generally mentally unbalanced persons. From all indications, McMahon is the latter. His relatives have already volunteered this opinion.

One thing is sure: the "Reds" had nothing to do with it and the reports of William Randolph Hearst are deliberate and malicious distortions.

DEMAND RELEASE OF ARRESTED STRIKER

SHANGHAI.—One hundred twenty representatives of the workers of Shanghai foundries called on the local Kuomintang headquarters this afternoon, demanding the release of one of the workers of the Fu Hsin Foundry, arrested during the strike there.

The workers presented a series of demands, including the payment of wages during the period of the strike.

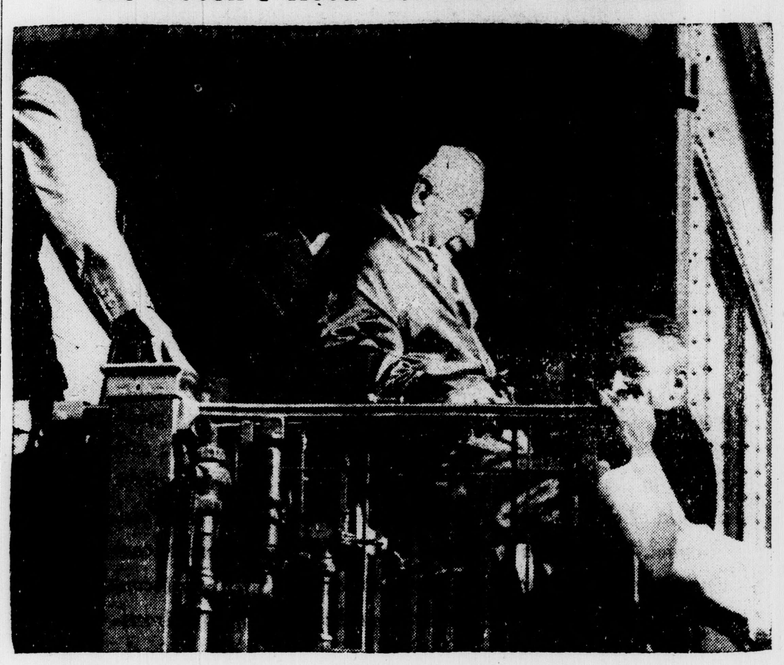
—Shun Pao, July 3.

Vote Communist!

FOR THIS PROGRAM

1. Put America back to work—provide jobs and a living wage.
2. Provide unemployment insurance, old age pensions, and social security for all.
3. Save the young generation.
4. Free the farmers from debts, unbearable tax burdens and foreclosures. Guarantee the land to those who till the soil.
5 The rich hold the wealth of the country—make the rich pay.
6 Defend and extend democratic and civil liberties. Curb the Supreme Court.
7. Full rights for the Negro people.
8. Keep America out of war by keeping war out of the world.

He Doesn't Need Socialized Medicine



But you do! When J. P. Morgan gets an attack of neuritis, he can have special trains to shunt him about from one expensive specialist to another. Or he can sit and wait for them to come to him. Above, he is arriving at his Long Island estate to recuperate from his recent collapse. The doctors say neuritis. But since the illness co-incided with the publication of the new Soviet Constitution, it may have been sheer exasperation. The new Constitution establishes employment, medical care, security and education as inalienable human rights and makes it a criminal offense to make money of the labor of someone else.

French Government Nationalizes Arms Industry And Curbs Powers of Multi-Millionaire Bankers

NEW LAWS DEPRIVE CAPITALISM OF MAJOR WEAPONS AGAINST WORKING CLASS

PARIS, France.—The claws of French capitalism have been clipped by two important pieces of legislation passed by the Chamber of Deputies during the past week. Semi-nationalization of banking and complete nationalization of war industries have deprived the major industrialists of their two most powerful weapons.

The Bank of France, previously known as the nation's "second government" has, up to now, been under the complete control of the famous French 200 families, a multi-millionaire clique whose tentacles extend into every phase of life and control most of French industry and commerce. This clique provides the financial backing for the Croix the Feu and other French fascist groups. Since the People's Front election victory, they have been exerting every effort to bring about a financial crisis to embarrass the new Socialist-Radical government and provide an excuse for a fascist coup d'etat. The new legislation transfers control of the Bank of France to the government.

MUNITIONS CONTROL

Nationalization of munitions industries will not only provide government ownership of the main plants but will include strict government control of the manufacture of war accessories by regular industry.

Among the plants to be taken over are those of the firm of Schneider-Creuzot, the largest French armament trust, which helped subsidize the Nazi movement in Germany before Hitler's rise to power. The French steel trusts, the British oil magnate, Sir Henry Deterding, and the Swedish match King, Ivar Krueger,, are named as Hitler's principal backers prior to the Nazi regime.

WILL AFFECT NAZIS

The effect this new French legislation will have internationally is emphasized by the fact that the French steel trusts have been supplying Hitler with the necessary ore for building his military machine. Sixteen million tons of iron ore were shipped from the Longwy-Briey mining district into Germany during the past year, according to conservative official figures.

Germany has absolutely no bauxite, an important raw material for the manufacture of aluminum for bombing planes, zeppelins, etc. The French bauxite trust shipped enough bauxite to Hitler last year to build 25,000 military planes.

This treacherous commerce and many other conspiracies by the French ruling class will be stopped by the new laws.

FASCIST RIOTING

Meanwhile, French fascists are rampaging in the streets of cities and towns in an effort to create an atmosphere of chaos and disorder. Though numerically small, compared with the giant strength of the organized workers, their provocations are bitter and have resulted in scores of injuries. They are making a last, desperate effort to appeal to hysteria and incite panic. Emphatic suppression of these anti-labor forces is one of the measures persistently advocated by the Communist Party, and the demand is rapidly spreading to Socialist and liberal ranks.

That a fascist coup will sooner or later be attempted and may result in serious bloodshed, is becoming increasingly apparent. Every day that suppression of the capitalist subsidized fascist gangs is delayed heightens the danger and makes the eventual task that much more difficult.

SUMMARY

The following is a summary of the most important progressive legislation and reform already carried out by the Socialist-Radical government of France since the victory of the People's Front in the elections:

1. The government refused to permit police or troops to be used against striking workers.
2. Laws were enacted granting labor paid vacations, shorter hours and the rights of collective bargaining.
3. Police and military forces have been democratized and fascist officers are being weeded out.
4. Armed fascist groups were outlawed and ordered disbanded. (They have evaded this decree, however, by proclaiming their organizations to be political parties.)
5. Pay of the armed forces has been doubled.
6. A new colonial policy has been adopted under which armed forces will not be used to suppress foreign peoples, and which may result in independence for most French colonies.
7. A board has been established to control wheat prices.
8. Restoration of salary and pension cuts.
9. Nationalization of war industries.
10. Semi-nationalization of banking, which severs France's millionaire capitalists from their strangle hold on French economics.
11. Vast public works programs to relieve unemployment.
12. Legislation is pending to abolish the torturous French penal colony on Devil's Island.

WOMEN TEXTILE WORKERS WIN ONE-DAY STRIKE

SHANGHAI, China, July 4—Three hundred women workers of the Shanghai Spinning and Weaving Mill went on strike today, protesting against the dismissal of their fellow workers. By the end of the day they had won their demands and returned to work.

More than 60 policemen were called out to maintain peace and order during the strike.

Shun Pao, July 5

COURT CLERKS DEMAND WAGE INCREASE

YOKOHAMA, Japan, July 2.—Thirty employees of the Yokohama District Court, stimulated by the action of the employees of the Tokyo District Court, are demanding a raise in wages. At present they are paid 16 yen to 22 yen a month (about five to seven dollars).

At the same time the clerks sent a telegram to their striking fellow workers in Tokyo, encouraging them to hold out for their demands and pledging support.

Spanish Rightists Panic Stricken; Uprising Flops

WORKERS MOBILIZING TO BLOCK THREAT

By Allan Johnson.
(Special Correspondent)

MADRID, July 16.—(By Cable.)—Spain's reactionary coalition has been reduced to panic following the death of jose Calvo Sotello, monarchist leader, which marked the smashing of the most dangerous fascist thrust for power since October 1934.

The chief fascist gangster, Rivera, has been flung into jail while Gil Robles, leading political figure of the entire Right, has been reported forced to disclaim his fascist policy and to go into hiding in a French villa. The Spanish Cortes (parliament) has been suspended for eight days and both the newspapers and headquarters of the Sotello and Gil Robles groups have been banned and shut up tight on demand of the Communist organ, Mundo Obrero.

Forced by events to make greater concessions to the revolutionary workers' movement composed of left Socialists and Communists, certain sections of the bourgeoisie are now maneuvering to put Indalecio Prieto, right-wing Socialist, into office. If the Cortes had remained in session, it is certain that the left Socialists and Communists would have formed a real People's Front government.

MANY SUPPORT PRIETO

As things stand, the parties in the People's Front may find it advisable to support Prieto if he becomes Premier. Prieto has managed to retain control of the Socialist Party machinery by preventing the holding of the special Socialist Party congress originally scheduled for last month.

The fascist attempt to gain power, cut short by Sotello's death, was apparently timed for last Saturday night when the fascists seized the Valencia radio station and announced that they had assumed power.

Workers immediately destroyed the headquarters of Gil Robles' CEDA organization, forcing the government simultaneously to ban the monarchist and fascist papers.

ANTI-FASCIST SLAIN

Lieutenant Castillo, of the Assault Guards, well known as an anti-fascist, who was later buried with a hammer and sickle adornment over his casket, was murdered by four fascist gangsters a few hours later. This murderous act was intended as the signal for an uprising in Madrid, but anti-fascist soldiers seized Sotello. They killed him in retribution for Lieutenant Castillo's murder.

Censorship delayed this report of the day's happenings for eight hours, but the masses were apprised of the facts and were in the streets ready to defend the republic against the fascists. The central rallying point for the Madrid workers was the Communist Party headquarters.

ANTI-JAPANESE VOLUNTEERS ACTIVE IN MANCHURIA

HARBIN, Manchuria, July 2—According to Japanese reports, anti-Japanese volunteers engaged in 27 battles with the "Manchukuo" Fourth Army in the month of April in North Manchuria.

Chunghawjihpao, July 3

Toward Showdown



Wild rioting and sabotaging of the fascist gangs is hastening events toward a showdown between Left and reactionary forces in Spain. Complete suppression of the fascist enemies of the people is the demand of the masses, and they lift their fists in a wall of resistance against the final treachery of capitalism.

What About Broadway?



And what about San Francisco? The British government has decided to equip every man, woman and child with gas masks. That is both drastic and expensive and indicates just how near war is. It is easier to organize and prevent war now than to trust to a gas mask in the future. The bombing planes maneuvering over Broadway (above) may well be rehearsing the cataclysmic future of the world.

Trade Unions Gaining in Japan Despite Handicap

TEN PER CENT OF ALL LABOR ORGANIZED

TOKYO, Japan.—(By mail.)—The effects of trade union unity developments in all leading countries of the world are being reflected in Japan. Already last January two of the leading socialist-controlled unions, the Zenro and Sodomei, embracing nearly 100,000 workers, agreed to amalgamate. The actual fusion of these two unions was considerably delayed by the military uprising of February 26 in Tokyo and the martial law that followed.

UNITY MOVEMENT

However, on May 1st the prefectural unions in Kobe held their local amalgamation congress with 1200 delegates present. This was the first step to achieve actual fusion of these two unions on a local scale. On June 1st the local and prefectural unions in the Kyoto district held their congress with 300 delegates, and united their forces. This was followed by the unity congress in the important industrial district of Osaka where this unity movement originated.

These first amalgamation steps are of great significance to the Japanese trade union movement which is still badly split and divided. Its past history has been a history of splits. Today the tide is turning toward unity and mutual cooperation.

RANK AND FILE

There exists a deep and almost universal sentiment for all-inclusive unity among the rank and file. The old-time leaders remain the main obstacle to further unity at this moment. However, the rank and file is already developing concrete forms of united front and mutual assistance in numerous factories, districts and during strikes. Large numbers of small local unions are amalgamating their forces and calling for all-inclusive unity. Ever-growing numbers of local union leaders earnestly strive for inclusion of all unions into the newly formed Zensodomei. There are reasons to believe that new unity developments will take place soon. Truly the trend toward unity has profoundly affected the masses of organized workers.

There are nearly 500,000 organized workers in Japan out of approximately five million eligible to join the trade unions.

WORKERS KILLED TO ENSURE SILENCE

PEIPING, China, July 1—No less than 600 dead bodies of construction workers have been picked up at Peiho in Tientsin. These workers had been engaged in building three tunnels leading to Tientsin and were hired by the Japanese. These tunnels are to be used by the Japanese as storehouses for ammunition and foodstuffs.

It is believed that these workers were killed and thrown into the river in order to ensure that no details of the construction work leaked out. The workers in the district are greatly aroused by this action of the Japanese.

Ta Mei Wan Pao, July 2

Special Tribunal Sworn In to Try Luis Prestes

LIFE OF BRAZIL HERO IN GRAVE DANGER

NEW YORK.—Startling news, menacing the safety and life of Luis Carlos Prestes, beloved imprisoned leader of the Brazilian Liberation Alliance, was received here today in a cable stating that a special tribunal to try him was sworn in on July 9th.

It is pointed out by the Joint Committee for Defense of Brazilian People that the trial of Prestes, and with him, of all other political prisoners, at this time, is part of the renewed reign of terror raging in Brazil.

"STATE OF SEIGE"

"In the past days," said a statement issued by the Committee, "cables have arrived announcing many raids, seizures of literature, arrests and even murders. The Vargas regime, by these brutal and suppressive acts is attempting to stifle all opposition on the part of its citizens, who are attempting to organize and exercise their constitutional rights. The "State of Seige" was extended until September 21st. Those attacks upon the many Brazilian people show us that Prestes, their beloved leader, is in gravest danger of his life.

PROTEST NEEDED

Immediate help—in the form of protest letters, telegrams, cables and telephone calls—must rain in upon the responsible authorities from every corner of the United States. Demand amnesty for Prestes and all other political prisoners, return of all civil rights, an end of the "State of War." Send your comunications, today, to: Brazilian Ambassador Oswaldo Aranha, Washington, D. C., Chamber of Deputies, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and the Brazilian Consul at 17 Battery Place, N. Y.

All friends of Prestes who wish to join the struggle for his liberation are urged to communicate with the Joint Committee, at 156 Fifth ave., New York City, for further actions in the campaign.

FASCISTS MAY SEEK TO ISOLATE SOVIETS AT LOCARNO PARLEY

LONDON, England—Following announcement of the pact uniting Germany, Italy, Poland and Austria, it was reported from Rome that Mussolini is drafting a new plan for an alliance of European powers including France and Britain, but excluding the Soviet Union. Preparation of such a plan was publicly revealed by Il Duce himself.

Up to now, Italy and all other fascist powers have been exerting every strategy toward wrecking the League of nations and abolishing existing treaties. A sudden change in tactics, however, has become noticeable since preparation of the anti-Soviet plan. Italy has smiled upon the Dardanelles conference, which she previously boycotted, and has "flattered" that body with the suggestion that she may become a party to it in the near future.

LOCARNO CONFERENCE

Another point on which both Italy and Germany have been maintaining silence is the coming Locarno conference called to discuss Hitler's re-militarization of the Rhine. Predictions up to now have been that both would boycott the conference. Now, however, both Hitler and Mussolini have voiced willingness to attend.

It is apparent that the Locarno meeting is to be the scene of the fascist effort to break down collective security pacts, existing between the Soviet Union and France and Czechoslovakia. An effort will be made to completely isolate the Soviets from all possible allies.

STEP TOWARD WAR

If such a scheme could be accomplished, war would be a certainty in the immediate future. The smaller nations of Europe and the Soviet Union are marked as fascist prey.

On the other hand, if Great Britain would throw her strength with France and the Soviets, a balance of power would result and war could be delayed indefinitely.

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READERS SAY

SMALL BOX OF APRICOTS

Western Worker, Hughson, Calf.
Dear Sir:

Just a line to let you know how our friends in prison are being treated. I sent Caroline Decker a small box of apricots, but the powers that be wouldn't let her have them. B. W.

SOME FRIENDLY CRITICISM

WESTERN WORKER.

To the Editor:

Do you welcome criticism from an outsider? Although an outsider I am a regular reader of the W. W. and an ardent sympathizer. I am greatly interested in the approach of the Young Communist League in Berkeley when working on contacts and have found that more than one person has become greatly annoyed by the tactics used by the youngsters.

In the first place the Y. C. L. members whom I have met, and I have met dozens, are for the most part very intolerant, very dogmatic and unwisely tactless. They band together like the members of a fraternity and give the outsider a feeling of being out in the cold. If a liberal asks questions, such as why can't we attain a social system without a revolution, the Y. C. L. people, instead of trying to explain the Communist viewpoint, or referring the liberal to some book or pamphlet which might give this information, simply shrug their shoulders and sneer or answer, "Why, can't you see it is impossible? Perhaps you are not well informed," or "Well, if you had done any thinking on the subject you would know why."

Such replies antagonize those liberals and sympathizers who, very often, are thinking of joining the Party. The attitude taken by the Y. C. L.'ers makes the liberal feel that he is a harmless bore and not worth working on. And very often the liberal has done more actual reading and thinking on the subject than the Y. C. L.'er, for if you try to pin the latter down on an analysis you find that he does not have a real understanding, but an emotional conviction.

The Party members are quite different and I think they should take the Y. C. L.'ers under their wings and show them how to get the sympathy of liberals instead of repelling them by their dogmatism.

Sincerely,
A Well Wisher.

ABOUT COTTON CHOPPERS

Tulare, California.

Dear Sirs:

Not so long ago I learned from a friend of mine that the National Re-employment Service was given an order for 75 cotton choppers to be placed on various farms in the Apaugh district in this section of the San Joaquin Valley. They immediately got in touch with six ranchers in that district and found out that none of the farmers were in need of cotton choppers.

On another occasion the office received orders for 50 cotton choppers to be placed in the Corcoran district. After doing a lot of unnecessary work in separating the men the order was cancelled, stating that the ranchers were not in need of cotton choppers in the Corcoran area.

Upon investigation it was found that the Boswell Cotton Gin Company in Corcoran placed the orders. It could not be explained why the Boswell Cotton Gin Company ordered the men without even contacting the farmers.

I also learned that a number of growers are willing to pay more than 20 cents per hour. In one particular case a grower offered and was quite willing to pay 25 cents an hour, but the finance companies, such as the Anderson-Clayton, and other refused to allow it.

Individual growers making such offers are put in a tough spot, because they are threatened with refusal of further financing.

From one who sympathizes and wishes all farmers would send in information of every sort. Continue your good work.

"TO SUPPORT YOUR EFFORT"

Los Angeles, Calif.

Western Worker, Publishers
Gentlemen:

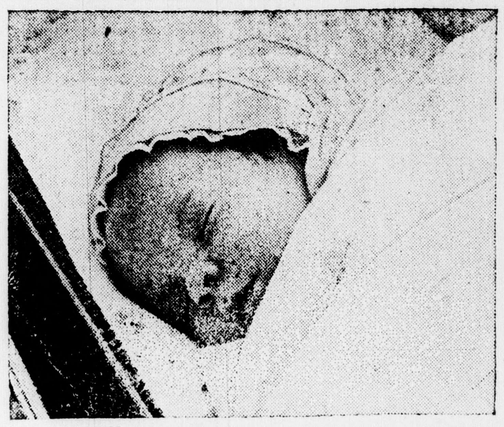
I am a reader for years of your paper, which besides of the 'Daily Worker' are the only reliable source of information what's going on in this dear country of ours and the champions of genuine culture, civilization and Americanism.

Therefore, it is a real support of your educational effort, if every reader passes after reading the paper in as many hands as possible, in order to enlighten the minds of our fellow-citizen, having most regretably to a greater part not any clear or any convincing conception that our dominating capitalistic press without exception are the enemies of every human progress, welfare and hapiness. I bought your paper in the past on the newsstands, but the idiotic Hitler culture, with the just ensuing boycott made a poor man out of myself and I had to borrow me the money for the enclosed subscription, for I would not miss a single issue. Also one of my friends uttered the truth: "We would indeed intellectually degenerate, without reading the 'Sunday Worker."

Very sincerely yours
C. R. Recanoff

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Million Dollar Babies and a Million Hungry Kids







(Upper Left) The 45 million dollar baby of the Countess Haugwitz von Reventlow, formerly Barbara Hutton, heir to the vast Woolworth Five-and-Ten Cent Store fortune. Quite comfortable, thank you, nestled among the siftest silken comfies. (Center) The Countess herself. Unemployment insurance and socialized maternity care worry her not at all. She is quite able to meet expenses out of the income of $45,000,000. And Mr. William Randolph Hearst is determined to prevent taxing higher incomes to feed the jobless. No complaints from the Countess. (Right) On the other hand, these children of the New York slums, typical of hundreds of thousands of the children of the unemployed, no not find the present order of things very satisfactory. Unemployment insurance, socialized medicine, guaranteed education and a score of other provisions, which are embodied in the new Constitution of the U. S. S. R., would make a world of difference to them. The three volumes of Karl Marx' "Capital," the works of Lenin, and other books contain convincing arguments for a Socialized society. But the most convincing argument of all can be read on the streets of any American city. America needs COMMUNISM. Communism is the twentieth century Americanism!

Pulp Paper Series Open Fink-Vigilante Campaign

CALLING ALL STOOLS FINKS, CRACKPOTS

The pulp-paper magazines, which retail cheap sex thrillers and crime glorifications, have lanuched a campaign for the incitation of vigilante hysteria among their readers. They are organizing what is called a "Vigilante Club" and printing a membership coupon bearing a solemn oath. Although their advertisements speak of "crime prevention." and do not refer to labor suppression or political matters, it is important to realize that the word "Vigilante" during the past few years has been entirely associated with lawbreaking gangs which slug, lynch and tar and feather union organizers, break up political meetings and wreck workers' book shops.

OR DIRTY PICTURES

The September issue of the "DOUBLE ACTION MAGAZINE," contains one of the Vigilante appeals sandwiched in between such advertisements as: "The Forbidden Secrets of Sex Are Daringly Revealed," and "Ladies Only," and "IMPORTED POSTCARDS—10 postcard size photos of handsome men and beautiful women in different poses. All for $1.00" and "SEX KNOWLEDGE," and "If you do not add at least 2 inches to your biceps . . .it will cost you nothing."

The emphasis of the appeal is to the youth, and every effort is made to incite romanticism. However, it is apparent that men of all ages are responding in the correspondence printed.

THE BALLYHOO

The appeal states: "The age for vigilance has returned. The time for honest citizens to shake off the cobwebs of indifference is at hand. We, the citizens, must take it upon ourselves to help stamp out crime and organized gangdom . . . Your membership card makes you a special investigator of the Vigilantes Club. The Chief Investigator expects every vigilante to organize groups in his community, vigilant groups that will stand up on their hind legs and present a solid front of honest citizens and officers of the law against the growing influence of crime."

The organizers apparently calculate that every heel, fink or crackpot who reads the add will write in and thus provide them with a splendid list of potential scabs and stool pigeons.

THE SOLEMN OATH

Here is the oath that applicants are asked to sign:

"I solemnly swear that I will faithfully, diligently and impartially execute and perform the duties required of me as a member of the Vigilantes Club, and will well and truly obey all lawful orders and instructions which I may receive from any duly constituted officer of the law. I further swear that I will at all times lead a wholly lawful existence and I will at all times do my utmost to aid and abet any officer of the law in his fight against crime, so help me, God."

Here are some excerpts from the letters of persons who have joined the outfit:

"I have taken a detective course and belong to the National Detective Bureau. I am going to start a club here in town and would like to know if I get a promotion if I get a club started?" Signed Emerson Bowles.

The Chief Investigator, O'Leary, comments: "Go right to it, Emerson. I'm expecting big things from you."

OTHER COMMENTS

"I have had the ambition to track down criminals for a long time."

"Being a sheriff of Passaic County I would very much appreciate—"

"I have been working as an investigator. I also have worked with a special officer here quite a lot on certain cases, and I would like to say that I just love detective work."

That is exactly what stool pigeons in unions and political organizations call themselves, "Investigators."

A FEW TIPS ABOUT THE NEW MOVIES

I STAND CONDEMNED: Another story about spies and love; this one against a background of Moscow in 1916 with a food profiteer shown as the villain.

CRIME OF DR. FORBES: A story about a mercy killing without the killing. Movie Czar Hays saw to it that the subject was botched. J. Edward Bromberg is very fine.

THE HARVESTER: Even Alice Brady can't make a sappy story of small-town life seem believable.

THE BIG NOISE: How Guy Kibbee, an eccentric millionaire, buys a laundry and gets into difficulties with racketeers. Very few laughs.

PUBLIC ENEMY'S WIFE: Determined to continue the G-man cycle, the producers concentrate on the wife of a jailbird. Very usual and not at all exciting.

WPA BEGINNING TO CHOP DOWN ROLLS: WEAKEST GO FIRST

By an Unemployed Worker

LOS ANGELES.— The axe of dismissal is falling in the WPA and first on the heads of the elderly and middle aged, who are unable to find wrong in private industry. Of this class, the first to be eliminated are the frustrated types, those who are timid and afraid to fight for their jobs; who are suspected of being such. Sometimes the partially broken spirit, and the bowed if not bloody head, may develop an unsuspected flash of spunk. The general means used to keep the personnel down to as few as possible is that of making it tough. The women's sewing projects first were made as inaccessible as possible, two shifts on one project, thus eliminating many rentals, and requiring the workers to travel considerable distances. Surrounded by irking, petty rules, cooped up as though in a penal institution, severely scored for bringing a bite to eat, docked for three minutes tardiness a full hour, docked for not putting the card in the box by the time the time-keeper arrives later on—all this has not daunted the majority, who stick, for it is their only hope. That is, they try to stick.

SEWING PROJECTS

What is called the dirtiest deal, dismissal for two days absence over the two weeks period, whether consecutive or not, probably irks the workers the most. Reinstatement may be obtained by taking the long trip to the zone office. This causes a third day's absence, because a long wait is provided of four and sometimes five hours. Many find it hard to get to the zone office in Pasadena, from the San Fernando Valley, if they have no car. They may live far from a carline. The following cases are cited, situations occurring recently.

TYPICAL CASES

Mrs. A. cited for elimination because of age, 65. Her age on identification card is 60. She has never given her age as 65. She produced proof that her age is 60. Was reinstated, after an ordeal.

Mrs. B. was absent two days on account of illness. Is much underweight, but a good worker in the semi-skilled class. Reported back to work. The forelady suggested that she take a few more days off, that a longer rest would do her good. This she did, though she was in need of the work-wage. When she went for re-instatement, she was told that no more re-work orders were being given out for a few days. Probably she is eliminated. Is trying daily to get back.

Fascist Violence Incited By California Newspaper

FORCE AND VIOLENCE AGAINST U.S. GOV'T.

BAKERSFIED, Calif.—Workers in the San Joaquin Valley are getting ready for wage decreases. The first cut has come from the Hoover ranch, near Bakersfield. Prevailing wage scale has been 25c per hour. Workers, arriving on the Hoover ranch several weeks ago, were informed the wage paid was to be 20c per hour. The workers left.

Meanwhile, valley newspapers are openly inciting vigilante violence and advocating fascist methods for prevention of organization among agricultural laborers. The following two news items which appeared on the front page in the Yuba City Herald (Voice of the Valley) on Thursday, July 9th, are typical examples of San Joaquin valley fascist expression:

"MIGRANT CAMP IS RED HOTBED

"The Federal Migrant camp in the city of Marysville is becoming a Red hotbed, a breeding place for the fomenting of strikes to destroy the peach crops of Sutter, Yuba and Butte counties.

"The U. S. Government is sheltering these Reds at night, providing them with roofs, beds and living accommodations, together with a willing audience.

"The strike at the Earl Fruit Company orchard Tuesday was fomented from this camp. Such conditions will not be tolerated.

"The Herald calls upon Mayor and Chief of Police to clean up this place before it is burned down by the orchardists.

"This community will not tolerate the conditions that have existed this spring in the citrus district at Riverside. This community will not tolerate the conditions that exist in San Francisco today. And this community cannot afford a $50,000 Red trial like they had last year in Sacramento county.

"The Marysville City Government can either keep that migrant camp cleaned of Reds or the ranchers will level it to the ground."

"RED AGITATORS DUE IN PEACH BOWL SUNDAY

"Local peace officers have received information from reliable sources that 25 Red agitators, fresh from the labor riots in Riverside county, where one striker was killed and a rancher beaten to insensibility with a log chain, are due in Marysville this week-end to bring the "united communist front" into the orchards of Sutter, Yuba and Butte counties.

"There are three ways to handle these reds:

"1. What the Reds most prefer is to be arrested and stage a $50,000 trial as in Sacramento; they got plenty of publicity out of that.

"2. The farmers can lay down and take it—like Chinamen.

"3. A dozen farmers with pick handles can chase the gang out of the migrant camp, burn it, and roughhouse any hotel which harbors their leader or their attorney, Gallagher. And paint the office door either red or yellow of any peace officer negligent in his duties.

PROSPERITY IN THE SOVIETS

MOSCOW.—(FP)—Prosperity is really turning the corner in the Soviet Union! A study of the budgets of 500 workers in the Kharkov tractor, locomotive, electric engineering, machine construction and light industry plants shows the following increases in food consumption in the first quarter of 1936 over the same period a year ago: wheat flour, 272 per cent; berries and fruit, 163 per cent; pork, 239 per cent; mutton, 850 per cent; game and poultry, 890 per cent; all kinds of meats, 69 per cent; lard, 287 per cent; canned goods and sausage, 83.9 per cent; milk, 100.7 per cent; vegetable oil, 195 per cent.

"DUBROVSKY" COMING TO S.F. THEATER

SAN FRANCISCO. — "Dubrovsky," the picture version of the famous novel by Alexander Pushkin, made in celebration of the centenary of the author's death, will come to the Clay International Theater, for one week only, starting on Saturday, July 25. I. A. Ivanovsky directed the production and it is said that he has caught the spirit of the original work and done an excellent job of transferring the classic story to the screen. The cast will include many well known Russian players, with Boris Livanov as Dubrovsky, the young landowner around whom the story revolves, E. Samarin-Elsky, N. Monakhov, V. Gardin, R. Volkov and G. Grigorieva. There is Russian dialogue and the English titles make the story clear for those not familiar with the language.

OTTO RICHTER WINS FIGHT FOR RIGHT TO LEAVE FOR BELGIUM

NEW YORK CITY.—Completing his successful fight against forced deportation to Germany, Otto Richter, 21-year-old refugee from the Hitler terror, has won the right to leave for Belgium within the next three weeks where he will receive the right of political asylum denied him by the U. S. Department of Labor.

The Belgium government has agreed to give him shelter and a job, it was learned.

After stubbornly refusing to grant Richter the right to choose his own asylum as a political refugee, the Labor Department capitulated to the nation-wide storm of protest and to Richter's own hunger strike on Ellis Island.

DENIAL OF CITIZENSHIP TO RELIEF WORKERS APPEALED

Attorney Herman L. Midlo of New Orleans, La., has been retained by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born to appeal the decision of Federal Judge Wayne G. Borah denying citizenship to four applicants because they were on New Orleans relief rolls to the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals in Louisiana.

Dictatorship in Amercan Legon Hit by Navy Post

NO. 244 ADVOCATES BIT OF DEMOCRACY

SAN FRANCISCO.—A communication addressed by the C. C. Thomas Navy Post No. 244 of the American Legion to all its members, under control of the American indicate that control of the Aerican Legion by a fascist-minded dictatorship is being challenged by the rank and file.

It describes a campaign to elect Shipmate Miles to the office of Department Commander and states that he "represents the independent thought in the Legion in the first serious attempt to bring democracy to the Legion by the adoption of the secret ballot, which is being fought so ardently by those at present in power."

Control of the Legion by the wealthiest members is also hit in the statement: "Unfortunately, it requires considerable financial outlay to campaign for the office of State Commander—substantial expenditures being required for postage, literature, and the costs of personal contact. Legionnaires 60,000 strong in California are entitled to meet and hear about the candidates for state office and this is only possible through the candidate's friends organizing an active mail campaign to the individual Legionnaire. This expense is so heavy that in the past it has almost prohibited anyone offering themselves for ths position, except a man of independent wealth. The following shipmates sincerely believe that this is wrong in principle as well as in fact, and are therefore raising, in behalf of Shipmate Mills, a campaign fund through voluntary contributions . . . This money will be used immediately to continue the systematic canvass of the state in behalf of Intelligent, Democratic and Independent leadership."

Perhaps it is not expecting too much to hope that the Legionnaires will finally come to understand the struggle of labor for rank and file control in the unions. Perhaps they will also understand why "those at present in power, "always refer to their rank and file opposition as "Reds."

NANTUNG PEASANTS STOP CONSCRIPTION

NANTUNG, China.—Chiang Kai-shek's plans for conscription of men for his army met defeat in Nantung, Kiangsu Province, due to prompt action on the part of the peasants of this district. Chiang hoped to kill two birds with one stone by means of a "Strong Men Inspection": to conscript more soldiers and laborers, and to ferret out revolutionary peasants.

For the past week there have been riots in all of the villages in this district between peasants and the authorities. They were successful in cancelling the inspection and in gaining possession of the list of names and the mutual guarantee bonds.

Two peasants were killed and a number of others arrested during the struggle. Large numbers of troops have been sent to the district to suppress the movement.

—Tsen Hua Pao, July 2.

CASINO CAFIERO DEPORTED TO ITALY

The United States Department of Labor celebrated July 4th, American Independence Day, with the deportation of the Italian anti-Fascist, Casimo Cafiero, on the charge that he had been in the United States "illegally." Cafiero first came to this country in 1915. He was arrested in December, 1935, when he went to have his final citizenship papers completed and held for deportation on the technical charge that he had left the country and re-entered "illegally" in 1925 while working on an American steamer. Cafiero was a member of the Brotherhood of Utility Employees of America and has been employed by the Brooklyn Edison Company since 1928.

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Seeing RED

By Michael Quin

THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

(William Randolph Hearst please re-print.)

For a good many years William Randolph Hearst has tried to awaken the American people to the dangers inherent in the "Communistic form of government." His warnings have gone unheaded for the most part. American people, selfishly interested in their own welfare and the futures of their children, have ignored the great peril to human liberty and freedom. Now Soviet Russia has drafted laws which even America's 17,000,000 unemployed, with all their selfish preoccupation with personal destitution, cannot close their eyes to.

Realizing that the rest of the world is harrassed by the problems of unemployment, strikes, labor troubles and depressions, Soviet Russia has chosen this moment to attack and abolish human liberties which are sacred and inalienable in all capitalist nations.

The new Soviet Constitution rules that it is AGAINST THE LAW FOR ANY MAN, WOMAN OR CHILD TO BE POVERTY-STRICKEN.

Poverty, which has been the sacred right of the working classes both B. C. and A. D., has been wiped from the surface of the earth in the Soviet Union by one fell bureaucratic decree.

As if fiendishly afraid that some liberty-loving soul in the Sovite territories might seek to defy the will of the DICTATOR and exercize his free, individualistic privilege to poverty, the STALINIST MASTERS have virtually made such a course impossible by instituting insidious systems of UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE throughout Russia which FORCE A MAN, whether he likes it or not to accept hateful remuneration from the government if he is out of work.

The picturesque and colorful starving aged who line the park benches of capitalist nations and have inspired some of the most beautiful and heart rending paintings in palatial art galleries are COMPLETELY ABOLISHED in the Soviet Union. These old peo lpraeelisishrdlaremfwypetaoishrdlu old people are FORCED by government decree to accept pensions and security.

The new Constitution likewise wipes out the freedom of people of one race to ridicule, insult and exploit the people of another race. The quaint little Jim-Crow street cars of the Southern United States would be AGAINST THE LAW in the land of Soviet oppression. The liberty of white people to abuse and lynch Negroes is not only forbidden by law, but, and this is the main thing, THE LAW IS ACTUALLY ENFORCED.

The Constitution makes it a criminal offense for one man to make money off the work of another.

In plain words, the vast fortunes of Morgan, duPont, Hearst, Ford, Vanderbilt, Rockefeller and others would be considered ILLEGALLY GAINED in Soviet Russia.

What is probably more hideous than any other aspect of the new SUPPRESSION PLAN is that medical care is ENFORCED. In free America, if your teeth are rotting in your head, no one is going to make you resort to dental care. They can rot till they ache like red hot coals; your breath can become as obnoxious as the open door of hell, and yet no one is going to interfere with your freedom to let them decay.

In Communistic Russia, health is established as a RIGHT, and an insidious network of free hospitals and medical departments has been thrown over the whole country.

In free America, you can work as long as you damned please and as cheaply as you please. You can work for nothing if you like.

In the Soviet Union you can't work any longer than seven hours a day. The seven hour day and the five day week is a LAW. Every year millions of workers are driven from their jobs and FORCED to take vacations ranging from one month to three months. They are forced to idle their time away in rest homes and recreation resorts which are equipped with all modern devices, libraries, gymnasiums, tennis courts etc., to give the appearance that this is an advantage.

AND THIS IS THE KIND OF SOCIETY AMERICAN COMMUNISTS WOULL FORCE DOWN THE THROATS OF FREE LIBERTY-LOVING AMERICA.

AUSTRALIA AIRCRAFT PLANT

CANBERRA, Australia, June 14.—An Australian plant to manufacture aircraft will be established here in near future with a capitalization of $5,000,000 because Australian orders are not being filled fast enough in Great Britain. British plants have been unable to serve this country because of the great demands upon all facilities there for the expansion of the British Air Force.

The Communist Party has set a goal in the Western Worker circulation drive which calls for doubling the number of readers before the end of 1936. Is your unit conducting house-to-house work, selling at street corners and workers' meetings to build the circulation?

THE TWILIGHT OF OLD HEIDELBERG

After Five Centuries of Brilliant Leadership a World-Famous German University Is Brought Into Contempt by the Nazis.

By B. Isakoff.

For almost five and a half centuries, the oldest German University in Heidelberg proudly bore its glory. It was famous through its courses, professors, laboratories and its magnificent library, containing over 600,000 volumes. From all over Europe students flocked to Heidelberg. Even from across the ocean, from America, there came annually a solid group of students.

Five and one half centuries! The University in Heidelberg saw a goodly slice of the history of humanity. It was founded June 24th, 1386, through a special Bull of Pope Urban VI. In the beginning, the catholic priests ruled supreme. Scholastic disputes would take place in its great halls. It was there that the famous debate took place as to "how many devils can be placed upon the point of a needle." But history does not stand still, and towards the end of the 15th century, it becomes the stronghold of the rising Humanism. Heidelberg becomes the center of secular sciences, the cradle of arts.

The 30-Year War barely touched Heidelberg with its pestilent breath. One of the conquerors of the city, the Bavarian Duke Maximilian flooded and pillaged the university. Eight thousand rarest manuscripts and printed works were sent away across the Alps to Rome, as a gift to the Pope. For a long time the war had paralyzed the activities of the university. It barely dragged out its existence up to the beginning of the 19th century, when the young bourgeoisie breathed new life into it.

The 19th century witnessed the brilliant rise of the university. There worked such great scientists as Helmholtz, Bunsen, Kirkhoff and many others. They were the ones who created the glory of contemporary Heidelberg.

A GLORIOUS PAST

The City of Heidelberg is inseparable from the university. Vine-covered gothic buildings, narrow streets, many students' drinking places, century old maple trees, moss overgrown ruins of medieval towers, all of it preserved its specific aroma of the glorious old days. On its stone slabs lay the imprints of many generations of men of science.

Goethe wrote of Heidelberg's grand beauty; Scheffel sang of it in poems later laid to music. Old Heidelberg became an important railroad center. Factory smokestacks darken its suburbs. On its main streets run trolley cars and automobiles. But even the railroads, factories and automobiles could not change the centuries-old character of the city, as one of the cradles of science. But, even "the face" of that city changed in 1933, when the fascists captured the rule of Germany. The twilight of Heidelberg sets in since that time. In less than three years, the fascisized university scatters to the four winds all of the glory so painfully acquired by it in five centuries.

The quivering shadows of flames play upon its ancient walls. The immortal works of Marx and Engels, Heine, Gorky, Romain Rolland and many others are being consumed in the raging flames. There still are hundreds of thousands of volumes on the shelves of the famous library, it was even enlarged by the "works" of the latest fascists, such as Hitler's: "Mein Kampf." But the library was deprived of the greatest works of our epoch. This fascist pogrom may be compared only with the "heroic act" of the Duke Maximilian, who robbed the library during the 30-year war.

DESTRUCTION

After the books came the turn of the men. Forty-four professors and assistants were driven from the University. A number of the teachers were driven out because they did not agree with Fascist ideas; the rest, merely because they did not belong to "the ruling German race." Men who had devoted the best years of their lives to the University and science, were thrown into poverty and banished abroad. The dais from which they delivered their lectures are trampled by the hussar boots of the profane, clad in the uniform of storm troopers. The glorius auditoriums are defiled by idiotic lectures on the size of human skulls and noses.

An even more thorough "selection" was made among the students. Many were expelled. The number of students in the University dropped sharply. But of course this is a common occurrence among the German educational institutions.

The fascist magazine "Die Erziehung" (Education), Vol. 4, 1936, published the following official data:

From 1933 to 1935, the number of students in Germany's highest educational institutions dropped from 115,722, to 89,093 (male), while the number of female students dropped from 18,035 to 12,132. Therefore, within two years the number of male students dropped by 26,629 or 23 per cent; the number of women, 5903, or 33 per cent.

This fascist journal is not a bit embarrassed by these figures showing the cultural degradation of the country, and brazenly continues: "This curtailment corresponds with the meaning of our policy relative to the highest educational institutions,—attempting to eliminate the disproportionately high overcrowding of the academic professions." But even these remarkable fascist official figures are seriously doubted by the international press. For instance, the well-informed Neue Zuriche Zeitung maintains that during the years of fascist dictatorship, the number of German students dropped every bit of 50 per cent.

EVEN FRATERNITIES BANNED

Among the very first of the expelled naturally were the few proletarian students, who did manage to infiltrate into the German universities of former days.

In their drive to ruin university life, the fascists liquidated even the bourgeois student corporations (fraternities). In their place they planted battalions of storm troopers, who forced the youth to march, march, and march . . .

Fascism and Science are mutually exclusive ideas. The German fascists are evidently jealous of the laurels of a well-known Russian pompous ass of an official, who is reputed to have ridden into a city on a white horse, burned its schools, and officially abolished all science.

Wacker, an outstanding official of the German Ministry of Education, spoke at one of the recent Heidelberg festivals: "It is far-fetched to speak of science as the common property of humanity, within the equal reach of all nations and classes, offering all of them an equal field of activity. The problems of science are not the same for all human beings. A Negro or a Jew will look upon the world from a different point of view than a German scientist."

And such obscurantists are today's rulers of Heidelberg. The old University had, in its time, seen many rulers, but never had it seen such open enemies of real culture.

And the city of Heidelberg is no longer what it was when the poet Scheffel called it "the city of wisdom." The outer appearance of the buildings and the streets is still there. The famous Heidelberg barrel, with its capacity of 221,726 liters of wine, nine meters high and 6.9-10 meters in diameter, still stands there. But contemporary Heidelberg is a hollow shell—without any inner content.

A SORRY ANNIVERSARY

On June 27-30 of this year, the Heidelberg University celebrates its 550th anniversary. Invitations were sent out to all countries. Under other conditions the celebration of the 550th anniversary of one of the world's oldest universities would undoubtedly become a great cultural event and would bring a large flow of visitors from all over the world. Today, however, we see something totally different.

In England, the Oxford University declines the invitation. Cambridge follows Oxford. And even the Birmingham University, the citadel of conservatism, refuses to send representatives to Heidelberg. Their refusal is based upon the fact that "the political principles of fascist Germany make the sending of delegates impossible." Developing further this explanation, Charles Robertson, dean of the Birmingham University writes in The Times:

"What has happened in the German universities, becomes a direct and forceful negation of the fundamental principles of any true university life. Those who disregard the crime committed today, thereby permit the committing of even more serious crimes tomorrow."

BRITISH FASCISTS

Not a single British university accepted the invitation of Fascisized Heidelberg. Berliner Tageblatt in an editorial, consoles itself as follows: "Notwithstanding the regretable misunderstanding which developed in the negotiations with universities, many private individuals in England have accepted the invitation." We know of course what these hastily chosen "private individuals" are,—those who have been called to take the place of representatives of the British scientific world at fascist festivals. They are only Mr. Mosley's black-shirted "heroes," flesh of the flesh of German fascists, who would most willingly prepare for Oxford and Cambridge a fate similar to that which befell Heidelberg.

In other countries the fascist invitation found a similar reception. In the United States, the President of the New York University published a letter stating that his university will abstain from sending delegates to Heidelberg. In Columbia University, 20 professors and 500 students signed a demand to boycott the fascist festivals. The universities of Oslo and other Scandinavian institutions of learning, considered it below their dignity to accept the fascist invitation. Most probably the French universities will have the same "regrettable misunderstanding," to use the language of the German press. Using less diplomatic language, this series of "regrettable misunderstandings" sounds very much like a slap in the face given to fascism by the cultural world.

During 547 years the old Heidelberg University has accumulated world-wide fame and glory. In three short years the new fascisized Heidelberg won for itself world-wide contempt.

—Pravda, May 31, 1936.
(Translated by V. & V.)

The Official Nazi 'Famine' Card

Die deutsche Fettkarte

Herausgegeben von der Berliner Fleischer-Innung

Name des Käufers Wohnung

Kontrollschein	Ich habe 1/4 Pfund inl./ausl. Schmalz/Fett erhalten			Kontrollschein	Ich habe 1/4 Pfund inl./ausl. Schmalz/Fett erhalten		
	Name		197		Name		147
	Wohnung				Wohnung		

There may not be a famine in Hitler Germany but there certainly is a regulated slow starvation. Official recognition of it is seen in this food ration card, similar to those, which were common during the war. Each section of this card, when turned in, allows the purchaser to buy a quarter-pound of fat—provided he can afford to. Continued unemployment, rising prices and food scarcity in Germany make such measures necessary.

Women On the March

Conducted by Marjorie Crane

Sometimes the committee in charge of the Woman's Column is not quite sure whether they are "going over," whether they are handling the subjects that the women are interested in, in an interesting way. But the increasing volume of mail is most reassuring. Women, and men too, send in clippings, letters, articles, even poems.

The Comrades on the staff mark them "Cynthia Grey" or "Heart Throbs" but do we care? Not a bit. We have established ourselves as a department of the worker's press, with a continually increasing body of readers, contributors, critics, and partisans.

We would like to have you sign your names to your letters and contributions. We will not publish them unless you specifically ask us to do so. But what if you contribute some important information that we want to follow up how will we know where to find you? What if your letter(in spite of incorrect spelling, mistakes in grammar, and the fact that you write with a pencil on a piece of manila butcher paper) is a masterpiece of smartness, humor, emotion, or political edarity and we want your help on the staff—how will we know who you are? What if the experience you tell of indicates that you should be in some trade union, or other worker's organization—how can we send your fellow-worker to consult with you about it? What if we would like to ask you to come and have a hamburger with us . . . anyway, we would like your name and address.

COMMUNISM IS THE AMERICANISM OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.

THE RACE PROBLEM IN THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

By Bob Holliday.

Ever since the missionaries grabbed the land from Hawaiian natives and gave them the Bible in exchange, the Hawaiian Islands have been developing a race problem.

There the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association exploits all workers to the utmost. First in line of exploitation are the Filipino plantation laborers, whose pay runs around 90 cents to $1.25 a day. The Filipinos are the most militant. They have a strike tradition which is admirable. Here are 60,000 exploited, class conscious Filipinos, crying for leadership.

Their family life is organized on the clan system. Clan chieftains lead them in all their struggles. They led them during the great Filipino Plantation Strike in 1924.

The houses they live in are clean, well kept, but pitifully shabby. Four or five Filipinos often share the same tumble-down shack. They share clothes, and food, and the basic necessities of life. They know the necessity of sticking together in the face of exploitation.

The Japanese come next. The Japanese are the small, middle class people who own the small stores, beer joints, and the like. Many of them are working on plantations, about 5000 of them. About 5000 are working in the fishing and canning industries. They are engaged in seasonal work. The Japanese are unquestionably class conscious. They are organizing, some in the Longshoremen's Union, others in their own trades.

CHINESE, KOREAN

Chinese and Korean workers are in a minority. They are quite clannish. Because they have shown militancy in the past, they are favored by the Haole, or white man, who is the "aryan" of the Islands. The older generation has more or less fought all of its battles already. They are tired and discouraged. There aren't many young Koreans and Chinese. One unfortunate aspect of their clannishness is shown by their great antagonism to Japanese and Portugese.

UNDERCURENT OF HATE

There is in the Hawaiian Islands a serious undercurrent of race hatred, which has been caused by the fact that Yankee Imperialists have played one race against the other. They have been used to break each others' strikes. First the Hawaiians were dispossessed of their lands. They were then placated by being given petty bourgeois positions and jobs on the police force. Then Chinese contract labor was imported to work on the plantations. They declared a strike at the turn of the century. Filipinos were imported to break the strike and replace them on the plantations. The Japanese were used similarly against the Filipinos, and the Portugese against the Japanese.

Portugese and Porto Rican workers are strongly catholic. They keep to themselves and depend on the Church to guide them. They grew easily dissatisfied with plantation work and went into small businesses. Similarly with the Japanese.

The Hawaiian has frequently been used as a gunman to break strikes. He has not made many friends among the Filipinos or Japanese. However, the Chinese, Portuguese, and Koreans get along with the Hawaiians pretty well. They intermarry quite often.

VANISHING RACE

The Hawaiian is rapidly disappearing. About 20,000 at the most survive. In his place there is arising what is known as the hapa haole who is half Hawaiian and half white. They are also developing a caste system. The hapa haole considers himself superior to the full-blooded Hawaiian. An interesting example: a Hawaiian princess left an endowment for a school for Hawaiians. Now the caste system has developed to such an extent that full-blooded Hawaiians are discriminated against in this school. The hapa haole is given preference.

It is difficult to estimate the number of hapa haoles in the Islands. I should say there are about 16,000.

Of course, the Haole is the "aryan" of the islands. He is the highest paid of all workers. He controls the larger businesses. Although his status is not so "superior" as that of Englishmen in British colonies, he is far above all the others. It may seem a paradox, but of all races here, the white is most trusted. Practically every race will tell you that the white man is the only one who can be trusted, even though he has a record of trickery which reaches back to the days of the missionaries.

BASED ON EXPLOITATION

It must be understood that this race problem is based entirely upon exploitation by the haole invader. These attitudes have been built up by the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association in a sinister and deliberate fashion. Everything possible has been done to degrade the various racial groups, make them submissive, and pitch them against each other.

As a result it is only natural that there should be a menacing race problem in the Hawaiian Islands.

This problem is menacing. But the encouraging thing is the way in which this problem is being met by the natives themselves. I have heard Filipinos start out with a disgusted remark, "I'm Filipino. I'm no god damned Kanaka." Then he will correct himself. "But he isn't any better off than I am. We have to stick together, I guess."

Boys and girls in the schools have very little of the chauvinist attitude. There all races mingle on a common basis. The youngsters realize what their parents did not realize. They can see how their parents were deceived by the Sugar Barons.

Workers on the waterfront and on the plantations are beginning to understand each other. Successful benefit dances have been given and mass meetings held in which all races participated.

As time goes on it becomes more and more certain that future working class struggles in Hawaii will not be those of any one race or group. It will be a united struggle of the working class.

MUHLMANN REMOVED TO GALVESTON "DEPORTATION" STATION

Ervin Muhlmann, 27-year-old anti-Nazi refugee, was removed from his Yuma, Ariz., prison cell where he had been imprisoned for two months and taken to the deportation station at Galveston, Texas, July 6, 1936. Muhlmann faces deportation to Hitler Germany, charged with being in the United States "illegally."

The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, which is conducting Muhlmann's defense, requests that protests be sent to Secretary of Labor Perkins demanding that Muhlmann be granted the right of asylum since he faces persecution if ever returned to Nazi Germany.

People's Health

By Franklin E. Bissell, M.D.

As the readers who follow this column know, I am very much opposed to the "theory" of chiropractic, if there is such a theory. However, there are individual chiropractors who have more or less abandoned this "theory" and practice scientific medicine to the best of their ability.



Dr. F. E. Bissell

The article below is written by a chiropractor, but I am glad to print it because it is scientific, both from a medical viewpoint and a Marxian standpont. In fact, it is scientific on a subject about which regular doctors would be very unscientific. F.E.B.

INDUSTRIAL DISEASES

By Dr. Zanville Klein (D. C.)

The time has come when the workers should acquaint themselves with the hazards and destruction taking place in American factories, mines and shops. Every industry has its dangers, and consequences for the worker, and we name this subject "Industrial Diseases."

Not only do workers suffer from exploitation, but they are also subject to special diseases as a result of each particular industry under private ownership. Profit must not be interfered with, even if the price be the health and the very life of the worker.

American and European proletarian writers have proved, conclusively, that occupational disease through exploitation is responsible for a great many deaths, particularly, in tuberculosis. Some of the trades in which this disease is contracted are: tailoring, baking, iron-moulding, painting, glazing, varnishing, minor linotyping, stone-cutting; cigar and tobacco workers, as well as woolen and worsted-mill employees and printers are also in extreme danger. The sharper, and more insoluble the dust which is produced in any industry, the greater the mortality rate from pulmonary tuberculosis.

We also name some of the dusts which are destructive to the worker: metalic dust, mineral, animal, and vegetable dusts. By poor ventilation, these dusts will destroy the lungs, bronchial tubes, and bring on a lasting chest disease. Arsenic poison is used in coloring wall paper. It is a poison in the form of dust, and is used in artificial flowers, dye stuffs, and also in fur. Its fumes are highly poisonous, make the skin of the worker bronze colored, injure the eyes, produce soreness of the throat, form eczema and ulcerates the skin.

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FACTS AND FIGURES

RURAL RESETTLEMENT

The Rural Resettlement Division of the Resettlement Administration took over 40 subsistence homestead projects from the Department of Interior and about 60 rural industrial communities from the FERA. Only 37 of these were under way at the end of November, 1935; and on 12 of these not a single house was finished.

These 37 projects will, upon completion, provide only 3,147 houses, although official plans of RA call for 11,000 houses. At the end of November, 1935, less than one-third of the homes promised were even on paper plans; less than one-half of those on paper had been completed after two years under Ickes and Tugwell. Seventy million dollars were allocated for completing these projects but the relief forthcoming has been sluggish and completely inadequate to meet the need.

Plans for these resettlement communities called for factories at which part time work could be secured. But not one rural project has any source of industrial income, and the Comptroller General has ruled that relief funds cannot be used to build factories.

While their homes are going up, the families have some income as they are paid one-half of the regular WPA rate for building their houses. Yet even while most families have some such income, and though the payments due on their houses and land are lower now than they will ever be, delinquencies are already high. In November 1935, 9 per cent of the payments due were not paid. On some projects, delinquencies ranged from 17 per cent to 28 per cent.

The homesteaders cannot pay for their farms and houses by tilling the soil. The average cost of their houses is $2600; at Reedsville, W. Va., the cost of the house and land is $10,000 or more. To pay off this debt the families have little equipment and only small plots of land, ranging from five acres in the old subsistence homesteads, to 35-75 acres in the new projects planned by the Rural Resettlement Division. These farmers failed on larger farms and with smaller debts. they will fail again on these small farms with high production costs, for they cannot compete with large low-cost farmers.

Why not enclose an order for 10 copies of the Western Worker when sending in a news story? Your fellow workers will enjoy reading ilt.

Joint Action on Agreements Is Vital Need, Say Seamen

CRAFTS MUST WORK THROUGH DISTR. COMM.

Shore Unions Must Be Enlisted To Support of Seamen in Fight

By a Group of Rank and File Seamen.

The maritime unions in mapping out their program of action for September must not fail to consider certain outstanding facts.

1. The Sailors have NOT yet regained their charter.

2. A National Maritime Federation has yet to become an actuality.

3. The reactionary Joe Ryan machine is still in full sway in the East Coast I. L. A. (For a concrete example: his recent Dixie longshore strike. He "called" it by telephone and within 24 hours from his big walnut-topped desk in New York City he jingled the phone and "called it off.")

MEMBERSHIP AWARE

The recent Maritime Federation convention showed that the delegates there were well aware of these many salient facts. This was proven by the unanimous adoption of the Harry Bridges resolution, which calls upon ALL crafts to refrain from re-signing their agreement until EVERY craft has reached a satisfactory agreement with the shipowners.

This shows a decided forward step over 1935 when the Morris-Lewis machine in full control of the District I. L. A. went ahead and re-signed the I. L. A. agreement, thereby badly weakening the position of the rest of the maritime crafts. As a result they were forced to accept the old arbitration award.

Under the leadership of Harry Bridges, this year however the I. L. A. will take a referendum on the question of opening their award.

A STEP FORWARD

This is a strong step towards forging unified agreements from the shipowners. But this is only a part of the battle to insure coordination of ALL crafts so that a UNITED FRONT can be shown to the shipowners.

The I. S. U. group, who unquestionably have the least favorable agreement, must especially use every effort to weld a united plan of action, in view of the fact that as yet the Sailors have not yet been re-instated in the I. S. U. and the A. F. of L.

The recent joint I. S. U. mass meeting held at the Sailors' Union Hall clearly showed that the seamen are practically unanimous for a course of action that will insure a success in the fight to improve their obnoxious "arbitration award."

The lisasterous Steam Schooner fiasco of last fall must not be duplicated. This was the very strong sentiment of that mass meeting

A UNITY PROPOSAL

The proposal that all three crafts work through the District I. S. U. Committee is one that will definitely insure a program that will find ALL crafts either signing joint agreements or taking joint action along with the rest of the crafts.

We do not agree with the present individual ballot now being conducted by the Emergency Committee of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific. Even were the ballot not confusing, to say the least, the mere fact that the Sailors are voting ALONE, is in itself, decidedly contrary to the spirit and principal of JOINT ACTION as expressed by the majority of the seamen from ALL crafts who witnessed the dismal failure of the Steam Schooner "Job Action," largely because of this same individual action.

What must be done is clear. Each I. S. U. craft should work through the District Committee so that when a ballot is cast as to the plan of action ALL the seamen will have had the chance to express themselves, thereby insuring a real rank and file-governed program.

Once the I. S. U. group has decided what shall be their minimum demands each port should call Federation mass meetings to rally the support of the other crafte who will be involved, no matter what action is taken.

Yes, even the shore side unions through the Central Labor bodies, must be rallied to the support of the marine crafts.

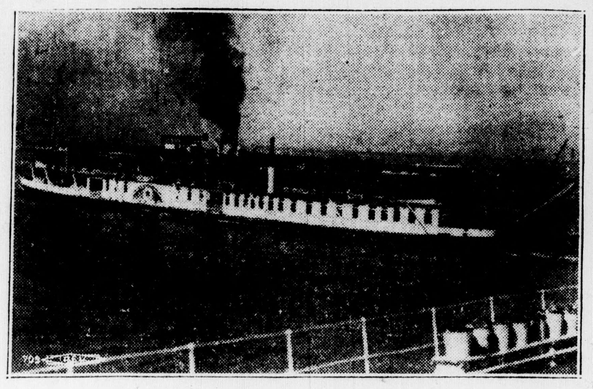
The public must be informed so that they will not be misled by the shipowners who, with the aid of the paid press, will once again seek to turn a Red-scare barrage upon the maritime workers.

Above all there must be complete **unity of all the Maritime crafts, regardless of whether it be on the picket line or at the negotiations table. This is the only Key that will unlock the door to further gains from the conniving, powerful and influential shipowners.**

RAILROADS ESCAPE TAX

SAN FRANCISCO.—The State Board of Equalization was restrained, in an injunction issued by Federal Judge Roche, from enforcing the Use Tax against the Southern Pacific, Santa Fe and Western Pacific railroads.

Typical Vacation for Soviet Workers



They rule the country, and one of the results is that the workers in the U. S. S. R. get two weeks to a month's vacation with full pay each year. Here's the steamboat "Third International," sailing down the Volga River, with a boatload of workers from the Gorki auto plant who are on vacation. They're on their way to Astrakhan, in the southern part of the U. S. S. R. Their trade union sponsors this trip.

Industrial Union Idea Sweeps AFL

PHILADELPHIA.—The sentiment among the craft unions for industrial unionism is shown by the action of District No. 1 of the International Assn. of Machinists, which adopted a vigorous resolution against suspension of the union affiliated with the C. I. O.

NEW YORK. — The general council of Cafeteria Employees 302 of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees International wired the A. F. of L. Executive Council urging it to "refrain from taking measures that will split labor's ranks." The union has 8000 members and is the largest single unit in the international.

FALL RIVER, Mass.—The Fall River Central Labor Council urged the A. F. of L. Executive Council to take no action toward suspending the C. I. O. unions. "We feel the efforts of the C. I. O. are honest efforts to organize the millions of unorganized workers" the resolution said.

PHILADELPHIA.—The wholesale Upholstered Furniture and Allied Trades Council of the Upholsterers' International reaffirmed its endorsement of the C. I. O. Unions.

BEUMONT, Tex.—Craft leaders were urged to "drop their stubbern opposition" and aid in the task of organizing the millions of unorganized, in a resolution adopted by Beaumont Typographical Union 339. The C. I. O. was unanimously endorsed.

COLUMBUS, O.—The Columbus Federation of Labor denounced threats of the A. F. of L. Executive Council to split the A. F. of L. by suspending the unions affiliated with the C. I. O. and urged its International to protest any attempt to suspend the C. I. O. Unions.

PHOENIX, Ariz.—The Phoenix Central Labor Council has unanimously gone on record in support of the efforts of the C. I. O.

Some Salinas Notes

SALINAS.—The C. E. Schultze job in carrots paid the same car-base scale as was paid last year previous to the shippeds' workers' agreement.

The packers, dumpers and receivers all went, one at a time to the office, and got better wages, but when the washers, the lowest paid of the workers, got around to asking for their raise, they were told to accept what they got—or else.

This crew made their mistake by stringing along one by one, instead of getting together and asking a fair wage scale, then acting as a body to gain a raise for all.

The convention of the Fruit and Vegetable Workers' Union a few weeks back was a success; it brought to all the districts a better understanding of the needs and desires of the organization as a whole.

However, there are some disrupters within the union. This was shown when one of the officials, "Doc" Doss, interrupted a delegate who was discussing the proposed constitution.

The chairman ruled Doss out of order but Doss said there weren't enough members in the organization to throw him out. He said the convention was unconstitutional.

Delegate Sells went so far as to tear up a resolution by the Santa Maria district, which called for carrying out the trial of Doss Garret and Ostergaard, as per the wishes of the membership.

Sells later spoke in favor of vigilantes in the union. He also made a motion to keep any information about the vigilantes from coming before the body of the union.

Alameda Council Wires on C.I.O.

OAKLAND.—The June 13th meeting of the Alameda County Central Labor Council again affirmed the Council's stand in favor of industrial unionism. A telegram was ordered sent to the A. F. of L. Executive Council which stated:

"We are convinced that there is room for both industrial and craft unions in the A. F. of L. and ask the Executive Committee to commit no deed that will break the unity of the A. F. of L."

The Milk Wagon Drivers' Union reported that despite negotiations with the bosses, they had been able to reach no agreement. They were prepared to strike if their demands were not met by July 15.

The L. A. Young delegates reported on their victory, in which they won union recognition, a 19 cent per hour wage increase, and the 44 hour week.

Both the California Cotton Mill and the American Can Co. strikes are still holding firm.

The Shell Oil Co. has been declared unfair because of its company union stand. The teamsters are effectively picketing the Shell stations.

For higher wages, against the high cost of living!

END OF 5 WEEKS FINDS CITRUS STRIKERS IN HIGHER SPIRIT THAN EVER, DESPITE TERROR

Truckloads of Food Supplied Daily; Even Federal Conciliator Had to Protest Police and Deputies' Brutality in Orange Co.

SANTA ANA, Calif.—Although faced with the growers terror in "legal" and in vigilante form, the orange pickers on strike were, at the end of last week, in higher spirits than at any time since the strike began five weeks ago, according to union leaders.

Several truckloads of food arrive at strike headquarters here daily from Los Angeles, and families of strike prisoners are receiving money from the International Labor Defense.

Federal Conciliator Edward H. Fitzgerald has protested to the Orange County Board of Supervisors against possible international complications with Mexico, as result of Sheriff Logan Jackson's recent order to "shoot to kill" against the strikers, most of whom are Mexicans. Fitzgerald warned that strained relations with Mexico might follow the unwarranted and brutal attacks of vigilantes on Mexican workers.

Ricardo Hill, Mexican consul at Los Angeles, had already appealed to Governor Merriam following the brutal clubbing of several strikers.

PROTEST TO F. D. R.

Merriam's failure to act resulted in a protest telegram to President Roosevelt. It was at the President's instruction that Fitzgerald rushed here.

LOS ANGELES.—Following a scorching address by Leo Gallagher, I. L. D. star attorney and candidate for Superior Court Office No. 13, the Board of Supervisors has agreed to hear protests against brutality of deputy sheriffs in the Whittier citrus district, including personal testimony of Manuel Zembro, who was beaten unconscious by deputies and brutally kicked before being thrown from a car to the roadside.

Tom O'Brien, former film actor and now a deputy sheriff, reported to Sheriff Biscailuz with one eye closed and a badly lacerated face, saying he was beaten while patrolling in the citrus area. He said he thought it was a "case of mistaken identity."

WHITTIER. — Arrested on charges of "intoxication" and failure to "keep moving" on a public highway, Thomas Gonzales, member of the orange pickers' strike committee here, was arrested and then released on $1500 bail furnished by the I. L. D. Held on charges of "vagrancy," E. Martinez was bailed out for $500 by the I. L. D

SANTA ANA.—Asked by citizens what he and the district attorney intended to do about the total absence of law and order in Orange County Sheriff Jackson replied: "We're doing nothing about it for the very good reason that no one has asked me to do anything about it."

LOS ANGELES.—More than 1000 workers protested police brutality against orange strikers at a mass meeting held at the Plaza Tuesday, July 14th. Fifty or sixty union representatives related their experiences with club swinging police, sheriff's deputies, and vigilantes. Grover Johnson, I. L. D. attorney and candidate for district attorney, was chairman.

ALTADENA.—A benefit for citrus strikers in Orange and Los Angeles Counties, held at the estate of Mrs. Kate Crane Gartz, noted liberal, netted $81.

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Marine Firemen Fight Dictators

NEW YORK.—Maritime workers on all coasts are responding to the appeal of the rank and file of the Marine Firemen, Oilers, and Watertenders for funds in their fight against the reactionary officials' dictatorship.

The smelliest stunt yet pulled was the action of the top officials in putting over a new constitution, which takes away all rank and file control, vesting supreme authority in the hands of an executive board of not more than 11.

The move was accomplished swiftly and treacherously, no notice was given to the membership that the move would be made at the meeting at which it was put through. The voting was done in an illegal manner.

The membership sought an injunction against the new constitution, but overwhelming evidence was disregarded by Judge Walsh in denying the permanent injunction. Walsh said an existing emergency justified the officials' action, though minutes showed nothing like an emergency existed.

The Walsh decision set a precedent for legalizing the taking away of rank and file control in all labor unions, and this is why maritime labor in other unions is jumping to the aid of the rank and file of the Firemen.

Pacific Can Co. Strike Won Fast

SAN FRANCISCO.—More than 300 Pacific Can Co. workers, mainly youths, won wage raises amounting to 15 per cent in a short strike here last week.

The employers were quickly forced to promise that: "wages would be raised to the level of the American Can Co. of San Francisco if the workers go back to work immediately."

The strike was without any organization. After the strike a Can Workers' Union of the A. F. of L. was set up.

Because the workers were not organized during the strike no agreement was made with the employers preventing the firing of any workers for union activity or for his part in the strike.

The head of the strike committee acted strangely and instead of cementing the ranks of the strikers spoke a great deal to create a "red scare," and about police busting heads if the workers didn't give up the strike.

'Steel Pier' Sailors Win Recognition in Strike Lasting 1 Hr.

BOSTON, Mass.—A strike of only one hour won union recognition, union wages, double time for Sundays and holidays, and 60 cents an hour overtime for two departments of the S. S. Steel Pier. The men struck after 1000 passengers had gone aboard the ship.

The sailors and the firemen were the departments to strike. They were therefore the only ones to win the gains mentioned.

The West Coast crew of the S. S. Constance Chandler pulled job action when they found out their sugar cargo was to be unloaded by non-union longshoremen. The ship was delayed two days. The I. S. U. officials from New York pulled a strikebreaking stunt by sending a crew from New York.

California Labor Notes

LOS ANGELES.— Furniture Workers' local 1561 have adopted a good idea. They have made a moving picture of the Los Angeles furniture industry, and the work of the union in defending the right to organize. In it are scenes of picketing against some firms which refused to recognize the Union. The picture was exhibited at union headquarters, 106 East Adams Street. Admission charged was only 10 cents.

LOS ANGELES.—The latest drive of the merchants and manufacturers of Los Angeles to defeat organized labor now becomes the battle of every sincere trade union member.

Such was the statement of Secretary J. W. Buzzell at the last regular meeting of the Central Labor Council.

"These latest attacks against labor on the part of the Chamber of Commerce and the merchants and manufacturers must be met by greatly increased Saturday picket lines, an adequate treasury, and relentless organizational activity," Buzzell said.

SALINAS.—The lettuce bosses are hiring ball players from outside the industry to make up baseball teams. Union members say it's all right to have a ball team, but they should be composed of bona fide lettuce field workers, and be members of the Fruit and Vegetable Workers' Union.

SAN JOSE.—A change in prevailing wage scales of five classes **of workers was proposed to the board of supervisors by** Executive Secy. Volkers of the Santa Clara County Building Trades Council. Volkers requested the board to adopt this scale: painters, $1.14 and a third an hour; laborers, 62½ cents; structural iron workers, 1.50; plasterers, $1.50, and reinforcing iron workers, $1.25.

LOS ANGELES.—The walkout of 1000 members of the Cleaners and Dyers' Union tied up every major establishment in the city. The strikers, according to Business Agent Sam Blumenberg, demand a 20 per cent wage increase, better working conditions and union recognition.

OAKLAND. — The Shell Oil has been declared unfair and the teamsters have done some effective picketing of Shell stations. They have a large truck with big signs on both sides, asking patrons to keep out as the company is unfair to labor. This is in addition to the usual sidewalk picketing.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Under the auspices of the Italian-American Labor Education Bureau, news of interest to labor is being broadcast over KGGC every Wednesday from 7 to 7:15 p. m. in English and every Friday from 9:15 to 9:30 p. m. in Italian. Twenty A. F. of L. unions have endorsed the program.

Furniture Union Grows On W. Coast

LOS ANGELES.—All locals affiliated with the Furniture Workers on the Pacific Coast have been adding to their membership right along, says George Walker. This is especially true in the last few months.

Two new locals, one in Albany, Ore., the other in Oakland are growing too.

The San Francisco local, 1541, has increased wages 25 per cent Portland local, 1541, reports it in little over a year. Portland local 1482 reports the B. P. Johns plant 100 per cent organized and the local going strong. Hoquiam, Wash. is now 100 per cent in the union. Bellingham and Seattle report good progress.

The list of closed shops in Los Angeles (local 1561) has grown to 17. More are expected soon.

The carpenters general office has promised cooperation to consolidate the work of the locals and inaugurate a drive for membership.

Both Democratic and Republican governors send the national guard against organized labor on strike. Build the Farmer-Labor Party.

3000 LA DRESS WORKERS PLAN STRIKE IN AUG.

Large Manufacturers Refuse Closed Shop; Demonstration Will Be Answer

LOS ANGELES. — The first week in August will see a demonstration strike of 3000 workers in the silk-and-wool dress industry here. The strike is called by the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union.

BIG BOSSES HOLD OUT

Negotiations had been going on since June 30 between I. L. G. W. U. and t he Silk and Wool Dress Group, Inc., in regard to a closed shop for the 100 or so shops in the industry here. The larger manufacturers, excepting a few, refused to consider the closed shop demand, and split the ranks of the bosses group. About 20 of the smaller manufacturers and several of the large ones are willing to go closed shop.

International vice president Feinberg of the I. L. G. W. U. is handling the union's side of the negotiations, and a former New York dress manufacturer, Arthur Booth, the bosses' side.

The industry has been operating open shop, but the union has been steadily gaining ground.

Seattle Maritime Union Joint Meet

SEATTLE. — The first joint meeting of the maritime unions' membership in the District Council No. 1 area of the Maritime Federation discussed among other important questions, the change of termination date of new agreements (coastwise) from Sept. 30 to May 1.

W. J. Stack of the Marine Firemen opened the discussion on coordination of agreements. P. B. Gill of the S. U. P. gave the Sailors' position on this question.

Questioned on this matter, Harry Bridges, newly elected I. L. A District President, said that the I. L. A. District Executive Committee was at present meeting and planned to develop a coastwise policy to be submitted to the rank and file.

Ernie Fox of tthe Sailors told of the Copeland blacklisting bill, and called for the strengthening of a national campaign in protest against it. He also described the East Coast situation.

Federation President Fischer spoke on the agreements and also called for increased protests, in an organized manner, against the imprisonment by the Nazis of Lawrence Simpson, American sailor.

Typo Union Wins Wage Raise in S.F.

By a Typo Union Member

SAN FRANCISCO. — Typographical Union No. 21 adopted a new scale at a special meeting Sunday, July 12. The proposition from the newspaper publishers as accepted provides for a 40 cents a day increase, effective for one year, and an additional 20 cents for the second year. Priority on extra work, which prevents "freezing out" by the foreman, is also provided for.

The objectionable features of the contract are that it runs for two years, in the face of probable rise in living costs, and that it carries a rider calling for arbitration at the expiration of the agreement. However, though dissatisfied with the small raise and arbitration, many members feel that after years of toadying to the bosses on the part of local officials it was the best settlement that could be secured by Vice president Baker of the International who handled the negotiations.

It was only after a strike-scanction had been called for at a previous meeting that any offer other than renewal of the previous agreement could be had from the publishers.

Organized Labor Through the USA

CAMDEN, N. J.—Police and Radio Corp. strikers and strike sympathizers fought hand-to-hand battles all day last Thursday, and more than 125 strikers and sympathizers were arrested. Some were taken to hospitals. The 12,000 RCA strikers are holding their ranks unbroken.

NORWOOD, O.—After a one day drive to break the Machinists' Union strike in the Remington-Rand plant here, James Rand, Jr., the big boss, beat a hasty retreat and left town. He refused to speak to any union officials, and announced that he never intended to have anything to do with unions. Rand's six factories in three states are still shut tight by the strike.

AKRON, O.—A National Labor Relations Board investigation has found the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. guilty of using coercion, intimidation and assault to prevent its workers from joining the United Rubber Workers' Union.

BUTTE, Mont.— Negotiations are under way between the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers and the Anaconda Copper Corp. for a new contract in the Montana copper district. Present contract expires Sept. 20.

NEW YORK.—Possibility of a general strike of 100,000 woolen mill workers increased as the bosses announced their refusal to negotiate issues with the United Textile Workers' Union. The union asks a 35-hour week, and limitation of speedup.

Intense Heat Makes Girls Faint at Job In Cerciat Laundry

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO.—Laundries are always terribly hot to work in, but when the weather gets warm, they become unbearable.

In my shop, Cerciat's Laundry at 1047 McAllister street two girls faited recently because of the heat in the laundry, increased by the hot weather.

No adequate ventilation protects us girls who are working in Cerciat's, and a doctor told me it was very unhealthful and detrimental to us to work in such heat.

Our union officials ought to get off the dime, and win some better conditions from the bosses, particularly a good ventilating system.

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